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Iran allows foreign arrest of Americans

NICOSIA, Oct 31. (Agencies): Iran's parliament approved a bill today permitting the arrest in other countries of US citizens convicted by Iranian courts, the Iranian news agency Irna reported.

The draft bill responded to a US decision "authorising the arrest and kidnapping of those found guilty by the US judiciary, with any nationality anywhere in the world without the permission of the relevant country," Irna said.

It said the bill, "countering US terrorist

moves," would apply to all countries which allowed such rights to the United States.

US officials said this month the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had been authorised to seize people wanted by the United States from foreign countries without clearance from authorities in the country concerned.

The deputies stressed that the US move was a flagrant violation of international law and the sovereignty of world coun-

tries," said Irma, received in Nicosia.

The draft bill aims at preserving the prestige and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic, safeguarding the lives and properties of Iranian nationals abroad and defending the interests of the Islamic Republic."

The agency added that the bill, if it became law, would authorise the president "to take necessary measures when needed for the arrest and punishment of Americans convicted by the Iranian

judiciary."

The draft bill must be approved by the Council of Guardians, a 12-member panel of religious and legal experts who decide constitutional questions, before it becomes law.

President George Bush yesterday extended a state of emergency with Iran stemming from the 1979 seizure of the US embassy in Tehran and the holding of US hostages.

Ozal wins

ANKARA, Oct 31. (Reuters): Prime Minister Turgut Ozal was elected President of Turkey in a parliamentary vote today boycotted by opposition parties.

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GCC meets

Accord on hold

A POLICE security pact, to permit GCC police forces to track fugitives across each other's borders has been blocked by Kuwait during the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council meeting held on Tuesday to discuss co-operation in combatting terrorism which has been accorded top priority on the ministers agenda.

The interior ministers have made progress in various domains of security co-operation, and are also preparing to issue a common passport for the nationals of the six states.

GCC leaders are to hold their annual summit in December in Oman, and interior and other ministries are holding advance meetings to review co-operation in their respective fields.

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Abu Nidal killed 156

TUNIS, Oct 31. (Reuters): Two dissidents accused radical Palestinian leader Abu Nidal of having 156 followers killed in Libya over the past year and their bodies set in concrete.

The accusation, which said Abu Nidal had complete freedom of movement in Libya, was made in two separate statements received yesterday by an international news agency in Tunis.

The statements were signed by Abdul Rahman Issa and Atef Abu Bakr, both former members of the Fatah Revolutionary Council's (FRC) central committee and politburo, led by Abu Nidal.

He said that over the past year 156 militants have been executed by Abu Nidal in the group's headquarters and its annexes in Libya because they opposed Abu Nidal's methods.

The two dissidents said the FRC's military camp was on a farm in the Asswan area.

Palestinian dies in suicide attack

PFLP claims marine action

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 31, (Reuters): A Palestinian in a fishing vessel has launched the first known suicide attack at sea on an Israeli gunship patrolling off the Lebanese coast.

Israeli officials said the Palestinian blew himself up in last night's attack. They reported one crewman aboard the Dvora class gunship was wounded by flying wreckage and two scratched.

The radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) in Beirut claimed responsibility for the attack.

Explosives-loaded cars, trucks and donkeys have been used in previous suicide attacks against Israeli targets but Israeli sources said it was the first such operation at sea.

The incident took place at nightfall off the Lebanese border town of Naqoura.



The PFLP commando who was killed in the attack. (Reuters wirephoto)

Bhutto confident ‘Already over’

MURREE, Pakistan, Oct 31, (Reuters): Pakistani opposition leaders cried foul today over government tactics to defeat a no-confidence motion aimed at toppling Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, but she looked set to survive the challenge.

Opposition leader Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi accused then-ruling Pakistan People's Party (PPP) of holding its opponents against their will and spending huge amounts of public money to secure victory in tomorrow's vote.

In a letter to President Ghulam Ishaq Khan he said the tactics were a flagrant and dangerous violation of the constitution.

"These violations are against all democratic norms and ethics and, added together, amount to foul play and malpractice," the letter said.

Speaking to reporters in Murree, a hill resort near Islamabad, he appealed to the President to ensure all members of the National Assembly could vote freely.

"There is no doubt about our majority in the House and we never had any doubt about it," Benazir told reporters after a cabinet meeting yesterday.

She was widely expected to reshuffle her cabinet if the vote was won.

The army will be deployed in the capital tomorrow to prevent any disturbances and units were already patrolling parts of Karachi and Hyderabad under curfew on the eve of the vote.

Police said a curfew was reimposed in the Model Colony and Mahr dis-

tricts barely 17 hours after it was lifted after shooting between supporters and opponents of a no-confidence motion.

"I think it is all over. I think the opposition seem to be searching for a new strategy," respected Pakistani commentator Mushahid Hussain said.

The opposition Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA) is keeping its assembly members in Murree, while PPP supporters were taken to the remote Swat region in northern Pakistan.

Benazir is publicly confident the US attitude unless Washington feels that its interests in the Arab world are threatened," he said. "Arab states should adopt a firm stand against the US."

He added that moves towards normalisation of strained relations between Syria and the PLO were regrettably slow.

■ The Bush administration voiced opposition yesterday to proposed sanctions on countries that are helping spread ballistic missile technology around the world, saying it can accomplish more through diplomacy.

Helen Suzman makes 'Dame'

LONDON, Oct 31, (AP): Former South African lawmaker Helen Suzman was made an honorary dame today by Queen Elizabeth II in recognition of her lengthy campaign against apartheid.

Mrs Suzman said following a ceremony at Buckingham Palace that the Queen told her she was "delighted" to make the award.

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Manila warned over Taiwan

MANILA, Oct 31, (Reuters): China asked the Philippines today to stick to its one-China policy and warned against allowing Taiwan to undermine their relations.

The warning followed a reported visit by Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus to Taipei on Oct 21-23, where he was said to have met his Taiwanese counterpart, Lein Chan.

Manglapus has declined to confirm or deny press reports he visited Taiwan.

"We hope that the Philippine government ... will remain on guard against any schemes of Taiwan intended to undermine Sino-Philippine relations, and take effective measures to confine strictly Philippine-Taiwan relations to non-official scope," Chinese embassy spokesman Gou Baocheng told reporters.

He said the Chinese embassy has conveyed to Manila officials its displeasure over the alleged visit.

The Philippines, anxious to attract foreign investment to sustain its economic recovery, is looking to Taiwan's large cash surplus for funds to help industry and construction.

Manglapus said last week that Manila should interpret its one-China policy to suit its development needs.

"China's consistent, solemn stand is we resolutely oppose any country which has diplomatic relations with China to develop any exchanges of official nature ... with Taiwan," Gou said.

President Corazon Aquino, who has defended the right of government officials to make "private visits" to Taiwan, said relations between China and the Philippines "continue to be friendly and normal as ever."

**Beauty before age**

A Geneva court ruled on Monday that bank records of former Greek justice minister Agamemnon Koutsogiorgas should be sent to Greece to help a probe into an embezzlement scandal there, legal sources said.

Koutsogiorgas is fighting a series of battles to keep the cloak of secrecy over his accounts in Switzerland and Monday's decision related only to funds held in the Canton of Geneva.

The Greek Parliament has voted that Koutsogiorgas and four other former ministers, including former prime minister Andreas Papandreu, should be tried in connection with a \$200 million bank embezzlement scandal which helped bring down Papandreu's government.

Picture shows Papandreau accompanied by his wife Dimitra Lianis waves to onlookers as they arrive in Athens before elections. (Reuters wirephoto)

NEWS IN BRIEF**Devil's night fires**

DETROIT, Oct 31, (AP): Devil's night fires flared across the city today despite the efforts of an estimated 30,000 patrolling volunteers and hundreds of arrests under a curfew intended to stem the annual Halloween orgy of arson.

Halloween is celebrated in the United States on Oct 31, the night before All Saint's Day, with masquerading "trick or treaters," where children dress in costumes and go door-to-door in search of candy.

Tuna scare in UK

LONDON, Oct 31, (AP): Thousands of tons of imported tuna have been withdrawn from sale in Britain following a scare over contamination, it was announced yesterday.

The suspect batch was imported from Indonesia and sold under the "Skipjack" label.

The British Department of Health has warned environmental health officers all over Britain to watch out for this from the suspect batch.

Face transplants

LONDON, Oct 31, (Kun): British surgeons were today set to give details of a "revolutionary idea" for whole face transplants for burn victims, which would leave them looking like the dead donor.

Plastic surgeon, Roy Sanders, who is leading the team, said the procedure will be explained at today's launch in London of a new charity which aims to raise £7 million for studies at the Mount Vernon plastic surgery research unit in Epsom.

The operation would involve taking the face of a dead donor and transplanting it on the face of the patient.

Rome elections

ROME, Oct 31, (AP): The Christian Democrats maintained their dominance of Rome's politics, but officials today said 40,000 votes had been erroneously attributed to the dominant party.

The discovery of the error dropped the Christian Democrats' vote share from 33 per cent to 31.9 per cent.

Life imprisonment

GENEVA, Oct 31, (Kun): The Swiss courts yesterday sentenced 30-year-old Michel Perly, the "most atrocious criminal post war Switzerland has seen," to life imprisonment.

Nicknamed "The Sadist of Romont," Perly was convicted for killing seven children after sexual assault, and numerous other sadistic crimes.

Greek bomber had allies**Leader target**

ATHENS, Oct 31, (AP): A Greek Air Force officer who was blown up while planting a bomb at a theatre on the island of Lesbos on Oct 22 may have been trying to kill a Conservative Party leader, according to information released by the Public Order Ministry.

Warrant officer Michalis Pavlis, 33, appeared to have been "acting on technical instructions from third parties" when he built the bomb, the ministry said in a statement. It did not identify those parties.

The bomb, which exploded at 12.05 pm, did not injure anyone on the eastern Aegean island.

Police initially said the device had a timing mechanism with a maximum of 12 hours, and therefore could not have blown up later than noon. The leader of the New Democracy Party, Constantine Mitsotakis, wasn't scheduled to speak until 6 pm, and so police initially said the bomb did not appear aimed at him.

However, the ministry said that from laboratory investigations "it appears that the timing device of the bomb was capable of working with a 24-hour cycle."

The ministry statement added that from handwritten notes found in Pavlis' home "it is believed that the programming of the explosion was for after mid-day on Sunday."

It did not specify whether investigators knew the exact time that Pavlis intended to detonate the bomb.

Mitsotakis, who is campaigning for the Nov 5 general elections, said after the explosion that the bomb had been intended for him.

The ministry said that the bomb resembled one used in an unsolved attack on a beach on Lesbos on Sept 9.

It did not mention whether such devices had been used by any other people in Greece.

Ozzy's assault charge dropped

LONDON, Oct 31, (Reuters): Prosecutors said today that British rock star Ozzy Osbourne assaulted his wife.

They said Sharon Osbourne, 37, had said she wanted to be reconciled with her 41-year-old husband, who was originally accused of threatening to kill her at their home near London.

The charge was changed to assault earlier this month.

"We have reviewed the evidence in the light of a further statement from Mrs Osbourne, who has decided that she is not keen to support proceedings and expressed a wish to be reconciled with her husband," a Crown prosecution service spokesman said.

DC-10 blast, store attack linked

PARIS, Oct 31, (Reuters): Experts investigating the explosion of a DC-10 jet at a Sabena flight school had found links with a 1985 Paris department store bombing, a French newspaper said today.

The daily Le Figaro said investigators believed the DC-10 blast, in which 171 people died, was triggered by a Semtex substance coated with the explosive plastic taken on board at the Congolese capital of Brazzaville.

The French airliner, bound for Paris, blew up over the Niger desert after a stopover in Chad.

Figaro said police had drawn parallel with the 1985 attack on Paris' Marks and Spencer store by a Tunisian using a suitcase with a false bottom. One person was killed.

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PEOPLE AND PLACES

BOSTON, Massachusetts: Jamie Fiske, whose 1982 liver transplant surgery helped shape the nation's organ transplant policy, has returned home in time for Halloween, her favorite holiday, after recovering from surgery to remove her spleen.

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The 7-year-old from east Bridgewater was accompanied by his mother, Marlys, on Saturday's flight from Minneapolis, where she had surgery at the University of Minnesota hospital. Jamie was admitted to the hospital on Oct. 5 after suffering internal bleeding.

"In going out there, the main question Jamie had nothing to do with the operation. It had to do with Halloween," said his father, Charles Fiske. He said Jamie had hoped to go out trick-or-treating Tuesday as the queen of hearts. (AP) •

TOKYO: A search for the world's greatest amateur rock band ended on a winning note Sunday for a US group called Iggy Suds, which beat thousands of other would-be rock stars and walked away with a \$30,000 prize.

The six-member group from Minneapolis, Minnesota, took top honors at the third annual Band Expo '89 after playing its reggae-flavored original song "Gang" for a panel of judges that included pop icon Jon Bon Jovi.

The five-member British band Mask Party was second with the song "One Shot" and received \$10,000. Third place and \$5,000 went to the Indonesian band Topeng and Mask for the song "The Devil Dances."

A special judges' award of \$1,000 each went to the Dutch band West-A-Gig and the Japanese band Drug Stars.

Twenty-three bands were chosen from among 22,000 entrants from 20 countries to compete in the finals before the capacity crowd of 10,000 at Tokyo's Nippon Budokan.

The contest's sponsors included Yamaha Corporation, Nestle U.K. and Yamaha Music Foundation. (AP) •

PREDAPPIO, Italy: The granddaughter of fascist dictator Benito Mussolini has gotten married on the 67th anniversary of the fascists' March on Rome that resulted in Mussolini gaining power.

Alessandra Mussolini, 27, an actress and medical student, wed a captain in the Italian customs police, 26-year-old Massimo Fiorini.

About 200 people packed a church in the northern town of Predappio, Mussolini's hometown, for Saturday's ceremony. Some of them hoped to see actress Sophia Loren, sister of the bride's mother Maria Schellene, but she did not appear.

Miss Mussolini, familiar to Italians from her television

appearances and magazine modelling, told reporters it was just a coincidence that the wedding was on the anniversary of the "March on Rome." Several men in the church wore black shirts, the symbol of Mussolini's fascist party, now outlawed.

She said that if he has a son he will be named Benito.

The reverend Pellegrino Santucci recalled Mussolini's accomplishment in his sermon, saying "all Italians and all the clergy were enthusiastic about them," the news agency Ansa reported. (AP)

BRISBANE, Australia: An Australian who claims to be the world's greatest "get-out-free" person is back in jail after he was convicted for the 10th time of not paying for a meal.

Pam Charles Dessa, a 49-year-old unemployed chef, was sentenced to six months in jail Friday after refusing to pay a \$78 dinner bill at a Brisbane restaurant.

Dessa stripped to his underwear in the restaurant and offered his clothes as payment. Management refused and called the police.

Dessa had been freed from jail Tuesday after serving a sentence for a similar offense.

He said in a television interview that he hoped to gain a place in the Guinness Book of World Records for not paying for meals.

Restaurants should be privileged I eat in them. Look at all the publicity they get," he said.

However, magistrate Peter Mitchell dubbed him a "habitual criminal" and ordered him jailed. (AP) •

SEATTLE, Washington: Women who exercise are at far less risk of heart attacks or related problems, experts say here.

Dr Barbara Drykwater of Seattle's Pacific Medical Centre, told a weekend meeting of fellow women doctors, "On average, women in their 50s who exercises is about equal in heart and lung function as a sedentary woman" in her 30s or even 20s.

Drykwater said exercise did not stop heart disease, but lowers the risk for overweight, high blood pressure and diabetes. All these conditions boost the odds for a heart attack — the number one killer of American women.

After studying 90 women aged 20-70 for six years, Drykwater concluded females

should not do at least 30 minutes of vigorous exercise three times a week. (Kama) •

NEW YORK: A private collector on Monday bought a 1.4-inch-long (3.5-centimetre-long) wristwatch for \$359,000, the highest price ever paid for a watch at auction in the United States, according to Sotheby's.

"It was the most complicated

watch of its size ever to be made," said Darryl Schlesinger, a watch expert for the auction house.

It was made by Swiss craftsmen and took three years to complete. The watch designed and commissioned in 1987 by James Schatz, who worked for Tiffany's before opening his own business and who also designed watches for Carter.

In addition to a standard dial that tells time, the watch face has four smaller dials. One indicates the month, one gives the day of the week, one registers the date and has a second hand, and another gives the phases of the moon. (AP)

ALLIANCE, Neb.: The eternal question of what is art has found an object of discussion in this isolated outpost in western Nebraska where a geologist looking for something to do has created a replica of England's Stonehenge — out of 22 old cars.

"It's unusual, it's unique, some people think it's terribly ugly and that it's junk. But it's definitely a tourist attraction," said "Catherine" advocate Janet Steele, director of Alliance's Chamber of Commerce.

The town council will decide this week whether the collection of Chevrolets, Plymouths and Cadillacs painted gray and embedded in farmland two miles north of the town along Highway 385 should stay or be towed away. (Reuters)

NANCY, France: Police said on Monday they were trying to determine how a Norwegian man who is deaf, mute and apparently suffering from amnesia, managed to find his way to a police station in Nancy.

Police said the man, who appears to be about 35 years old, came into the police station last week but was unable to make himself understood when he wrote down a few words of a foreign language.

Doctors, who examined the man at a nearby treatment centre, determined that he was Norwegian and that he had lost his memory suddenly in 1973 during an explosion at a munitions factory in his homeland. (UPI)

BARTOW, Florida: A teenager driving a stolen concrete mixer led police on a chase through eight towns that ended when an officer blew out tyres with a shotgun.

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No one was injured in the 50-mile (80-kilometre) chase, but the truck crashed a Haines city police car and a state vehicle. The truck was stolen from Ewell Industries in Auburndale, police said.

Richard Booker Branch, 18, of Davenport, was charged with burglary, grand theft and aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer. He was taken to jail. (AP)

Ruling crucial Embryos at stake

MELBOURNE, Oct 31, (UPI): A man's bid to stop his wife becoming pregnant has created a race against time to prevent their frozen embryos from dying, a Melbourne court was told yesterday.

The claim was made at the opening of Australia's first legal battle between the estranged wife and husband over the fate of their frozen in vitro fertilization (IVF) embryos.

The woman's lawyer has asked that the case be heard as a matter of urgency.

He said he would submit scientific evidence that frozen embryos are effectively dead after two years and court delays could jeopardise the embryo's survival.

Seven embryos of the couple are being held at Melbourne's Royal Women's Hospital. The husband has threatened the hospital with legal action if it goes ahead and implants the embryos.

The dispute involves an unnamed couple who were part of the hospital's in vitro pregnancy programme until they separated in March.

The family court heard yesterday that the wife, a 24-year-old supermarket cashier, still wanted to be implanted with the embryos, but the 24-year-old husband has issued a legal challenge to prevent such action.

The wife's lawyer, Michael Watt, said that ova taken from the woman were fertilised by the husband's semen early last year, when the couple joined the IVF programme.

Watt told Justice Smithers that the case was a potential life and death situation for the embryos, involving issues of law, ethics and science.

"This case brings the law and the frontiers of science into clear interface," Watt said.

He said a judge in the American state of Tennessee recently had ruled in a similar case that frozen embryo could not be successfully implanted after two years.

He said depending on what position the husband took, the case could be a question of life or death for the embryos, involving ethical questions on when life begins.



Stripes and sequins

Model for Bill Blass at the 1990 spring/summer fashion show in New York on Oct 30. Model is wearing striped cotton top with sequins pants. (Reuter wirephoto)

Amateur astronomer discovers asteroids

LONDON, Oct 31, (AP): An amateur astronomer using a homemade telescope said yesterday he has discovered three new minor planets, or asteroids, and the editor of the Astronomer magazine said he is the first Briton to make such a find in 80 years.

Brian Manning said he spotted the asteroids between the orbits of Jupiter and Mars using a 10-inch (25-centimetre) reflector telescope set up in his back yard in Kidderminster, 95 miles (150 kilometres) northwest of London.

Editor Guy Hurst, who keeps track of all European astronomical discoveries, said Manning's sightings were run through the International

Astronomical Union computer in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and found to be previously unknown.

"To go for 80 years with no discovery, it is very important for British astronomy," Hurst told the Associated Press. "Manning's work, although he was an amateur, is rated as high as professional."

Manning, 63, said in an interview that astronomy has been his hobby since he was a boy.

"I'm delighted and did not expect it really," he said. "You always hope you might find something... but it's a surprise since the chance of discovery is rather remote."

Manning's discovery was his first attempt to identify an asteroid, and was sparked by the September issue of Astronomer which challenged British amateurs to find an asteroid, Hurst said.

Manning, who is a research technician from Birmingham University's department of metrology, the science of accurate measurements, said he made a 20-minute photographic exposure of the sky Oct 4.

But he didn't discover the asteroids until Oct 5 when he developed the telescopic image and scanned it with a binocular microscope.

US flag burnt in defiance of statute

WASHINGTON Oct 31, (AP): Four people shouting "burn, baby, burn" set fire yesterday to three US flags on the steps of the US Capitol in an attempt to force a court test on the constitutionality of a new law banning flag desecration.

"We defy your law," said spokeswoman Nancy Kent.

"We challenge you. Arrest us. Test your statute. Take it back to the supreme court and try once again to claim it is all consistent with your constitutional standards of free speech."

One of those arrested was Gregory "Joey" Johnson, whose 1984 arrest for burning the flag at the Republican National Convention in Dallas set in motion the court case that led to the new law.

Another was Scott Tyler, 24, who stirred controversy in Chicago earlier this year by placing a flag on the floor as part of a student exhibit at the school of the art institute.

Capitol police charged Johnson, 33, of Richmond, Indiana, Tyler and two others with violating the Flag Protection Act of 1989, demonstrating without a permit and disorderly conduct, said police spokesman Dan Nichols.

The other two were identified as Shawn Eichner, 24, of New York City, and David Balock, 39, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

The demonstration came two days after members of a radical Vietnam veterans' group in Seattle, Washington, burned a full-size US flag and 100 paper flags to protest the law.

President George Bush, who favours a constitutional amendment to protect the flag, allowed the measure to become law without his signature. It went into effect Saturday.

It provides punishment of up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine for anyone who "knowingly mutilates, defaces, physically defiles, burns, maintains on the floor or ground, or tramples upon any flag of the United States."



JAPAN AND KOREA UNITE

Japan and Korea have suffered decades of religious and political conflicts disregarding their dream of fruitful cooperation. These conflicts could not stand the international technological growth. After Japan had realised that the Korean technology is a world wide success, many Japanese companies have worked with the Korean electronic appliances company especially SAMSUNG — the biggest technology oriented company in Korea.

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First attempt

THE pilot of a training jet that crashed into the USS Lexington, killing him and four others, was making his first attempt to land on an aircraft carrier, the ship's captain said today.

The two-seat T-2 Buckeye, based at the Meridian, Mississippi, naval air station, slammed into the carrier's tower and cartwheeled in flames into the flight deck Sunday afternoon during a practice flight about 30 miles (50 kilometres) south of here in the Gulf of Mexico.

The accident took place just six days before the



anniversary of a 1945 attack by a Japanese Kamikaze pilot. The 46-year-old Lexington is the oldest aircraft carrier in the US fleet.

As the World War II-vintage carrier returned to its dock yesterday morning, several sailors' wives burst into tears and waved wildly as they spotted their husbands on the deck—the first confirmation that their loved ones were safe.

Names of the dead were not released pending notification of next of kin. One was a civilian worker, Logan said. In addition to the five dead, 17 were

injured, one critically.

Logan said landing officers told the pilot, who was alone in the plane, to add power and waved him off but for some reason he was unable to comply. The man was a qualified pilot, Logan said, but was only beginning to learn the difficult skill of landing on a carrier.

Picture left shows a tearful member of Lexington crew, with one leg in a cast, being helped from the carrier. Picture right: Investigators look over the wreckage. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Pilot's mistake

US cruiser bombed

WASHINGTON, Oct 31, (AP): A US warplane accidentally dropped a 500-pound (227-kilogramme) bomb on the navy guided-missile cruiser USS Reeves during manoeuvres in the Indian Ocean, slightly injuring five sailors and leaving a five-foot (1.5 metre) hole in the ship's main deck, the navy said.

The bomb, which detonated upon impact, set off a small fire that was quickly extinguished, said Lt Bruce Cole, a navy spokesman at the Defence Department. The incident occurred at 9:06 pm local time.

Standard Time charts give that as the equivalent of 11:06 am EST (1606 GMT), but the navy gave the Eastern Time equivalent as 7:06 am (1206 GMT). There was no immediate explanation for the discrepancy.

The five sailors received minor injuries that did not require outside medical assistance, Cole said.

The cruiser was located about 32 miles (51 kilometres) from Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

Although the bomb left a five-foot (1.5 metre) hole in the deck near the bow, it did no damage to the outer hull, Cole



Members of the Salvadoran military and civilians turn over the body of Jose Ernesto Vasquez. (Reuter wirephoto)

Religious taxation fought

WASHINGTON, Oct 31, (AP): The nation's highest court hears arguments today in a case that religious groups say strikes at the heart of a founding principle of the United States — separation of church and state.

Groups ranging from Hare Krishnas to mainline Protestants are siding with television evangelist Jimmy Swaggart's Ministry in a legal showdown over state taxing powers.

The case involves a challenge to California's taxation of books, tapes and other merchandise sold by the Louisiana-based Jimmy Swaggart Ministries.

California court rulings forced Swaggart's Ministry to pay the state \$183,000 in back taxes and interest for 1974 through 1981.

But lawyers for Swaggart's organisation say the California tax, as applied, violates religious freedom. They also say it runs counter to guarantees of due process of law and interferes with interstate commerce.

The disputed states sales and use tax is imposed on retailers for the privilege of selling personal property in California, and on the consumption of products within the state.

Washington murder rate on the rise

WASHINGTON, Oct 31, (Reuter): A weekend surge of five killings has raised the homicide toll in the US capital so far this year to 369, matching the total for all of last year.

Police officials said yesterday the murder toll could keep rising as drug dealers battle over turf.

The murder rate in Washington, at 59.52 per 100,000 in 1988, is 30 times that of other capitals in the industrialised West and higher than that of most Third World cities.

The 1988 rate was higher than that of the 1987 champion Detroit, which had a tally of 57.87 per 100,000 in 1988, down from 62.85 in 1987.

Ex-mental patient convicted of murder

NEW YORK, Oct 31, (AP): A jury has rejected a former mental patient's claim he did not know what he was doing when he raped and killed a pregnant doctor, convicting him of murder in a hospital slaying.

Steven Smith, who secretly lived in a Bellevue Hospital storeroom and prowled the hallways in a white lab coat and a stethoscope, admitted he sexually attacked and strangled Dr Kathryn Hinman,

Salvador bombed

Nicaragua blamed

SAN SALVADOR, Oct 31, (UPI): President Alfredo Cristiani accused Salvadoran rebels of using Nicaraguan-supplied weapons in the bombing of a heavily guarded military compound that left one civilian dead and 15 wounded.

"Obviously an iron tube that serves as a grenade launcher we can find in any country, but we understand that it is not the handcrafted part that damages, but the industrial part and this comes from Nicaragua," Cristiani told reporters yesterday at the presidential residence.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack on El Salvador's armed forces headquarters yesterday.

One civilian was killed and 15 people were wounded, including a 12-year-old boy and several workers at a gasoline station that was destroyed, officials said. The conditions of the wounded were not immediately known.

Cristiani, leader of the rightist Nationalist Republican Alliance, or Arena, blamed the attack on rebels of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, or FMLN, who he said were armed by Nicaragua's Sandinista government.

"The attack was (carried out) with weapons that the Sandinista government constantly provides to the Salvadoran rebels," Cristiani said.

33, on Jan 7, in her fourth-floor office. She was five months pregnant.

Smith's lawyer, Marvin Kornberg, pleaded that the defendant, in and out of a psychiatric treatment since he was 14 was insane and therefore not criminally responsible for the crimes. He tried to assure the jurors that if they found Smith insane, he would not "walk out of here a free man."

Endara, Calderon return to Panama

PANAMA CITY, Oct 31, (UPI):

Panama's two senior opposition leaders, facing death threats from a supporter of de facto ruler Gen.

Mamuel Antonio Noriega, returned home yesterday from Costa Rica, where they met with leaders from North and South America, including US President George Bush.

"All the leaders of Latin America, and the Caribbean have left this summit committed to push ahead with the task of democratising our hemisphere and isolating the dictators wherever they are found," said Guillermo Endara, opposition presidential candidate in May 7 elections that were annulled three days later.

Endara and one of his vice

presidential running mates, Ricardo Arias Calderon, returned to Panama as a death threat against them and second vice presidential candidate Guillermo Ford appeared on page 2 of the government-controlled newspaper Critica.

Under the headline "Oath of a patriot," Victor Shaller Herrera

... assume responsibility as attorney general of the people and therefore vow before the altar of the fatherland to summarily judge and sentence with death Guillermo Endara, Ricardo Arias Calderon and Guillermo Ford, for executing the directive given by the Bush administration to the CIA, FBI, Southern Command, US Army South and their allies within the traitorous, seditious and anti-patriotic opposition, to kidnap and/or assassinate the commander-in-chief of our revolutionary process for national liberation, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega," the article said.

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"Violations by the Sandinistas dwarf the violations by the Contras," he said. At the same time, Fitzwater defended Bush's depiction of Ortega as a "little man." "The president was referring to small-minded pettiness," and not Ortega's height, he said.

Ortega said in a television interview yesterday that Presidents Carlos Menem of Argentina, Oscar Arias of Costa Rica and Carlos Andres Perez of Venezuela had all agreed to try to persuade the US government to support Contra demobilisation.

"In those circumstances, my decision tomorrow will be a flexible one," Ortega said in the interview.

He also said that elections next February would take place "with war or without war."

Ortega had said he would end the ceasefire unless concrete steps were taken by Tuesday to demobilise the Honduras-based rebels.

In Honduras, Contra military commander Enrique Bermudez

said the Contras would not band

until the Sandinistas allowed

a general amnesty for Contra

supporters and an impartial

investigation into alleged

ceasefire violations.

Washington had not talked with the Contras about the offensive, Bermudez said.

About 11,000 Contras with

drew to camps on the Honduran

side of the border after the

United States suspended

weapons and ammunition sup

plies in February 1988. An

estimated 2,000 to 3,000 are in

Nicaragua, conducting sporadic

attacks.

Dinkins seeks to become the

first black mayor of New York,

but his white support slipping

and charges concerning his finan

cials and racism among some of his supporters.

Senator Kennedy, brother of

President John F. Kennedy and

Robert Kennedy, who both died

Nicaragua seeks Jackson's help

De Cuellar urges Ortega to extend truce

MANAGUA, Oct 31, (AP): President Daniel Ortega said yesterday he has asked US politician Jesse Jackson to intervene with the Bush administration and US Congress to win support for disbanding Nicaraguan rebels.

A presidential communiqué said Ortega spoke by telephone yesterday with the Rev. Jackson, an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination last year.

Frank Watkins, a Chicago spokesman for Jackson, said the liberal politician was in Washington when he spoke with Ortega and he then

left for New York without issuing a statement about the conversation.

The presidential communiqué said Ortega also asked Jackson to try to have US funds earmarked for the rebels, known as Contras, diverted to the United Nations and the Organisation of American States.

He said that would accelerate their demobilisation and allow Nicaraguan elections set for Feb 25 to be held in peace.

"We asked the Rev. Jesse Jackson to focus his mediation efforts on (having the United States) stop placing obstacles on the demobilisation of the Contras," the communiqué said.



Jorge Alberto Torres, 8, stands nearby as workmen barricade the newspaper, La Prensa on Oct 29. (Reuter wirephoto)



Jose Rafael Abello. (Reuter wirephoto)

Bombs rock Bogota

Soccer celebrations ignored

BOGOTA, Oct 31, (Reuter): Bogota was rocked by more bombs last night as Colombian drug gangs ignored celebrations of the national soccer team's

an "historic moment for Colombia."

Colombia's drug gangs, which have responded to a government crackdown with their own declaration of war, have stepped up the violence following the weekend's extradition of a leading smuggler to face trial in the United States.

Three bombs exploded outside two bank offices and a supermarket causing extensive damage but no injuries, police said.

The bombings, the latest in an intensified campaign of violence by the drug gangs, reportedly caused a number of people celebrating Colombia's first appearance in the World Cup soccer finals next June in Italy.

Colombians packed bars around the country to toast their team's goal-less draw with Israel yesterday in Tel Aviv, which guaranteed them a place in next year's finals.

Bogota and other cities echoed to the sound of fireworks. Motorists blew their horns and white-ticker tape cascaded down from high-rise buildings as Colombians forgot for a moment the daily

violence.

President Virgilio Barco described the triumph as "an historic moment for Colombia."

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INTERNATIONAL

Arabs linked to US jet blast

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 31. (Reuters) - Swedish police suspect a link between four Palestinians standing trial in Stockholm on terrorism charges and the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jumbo jet over Scotland, a security source said today.

A police document seen by Reuters shows that one of the four men flew to Malta two months before the New York-bound plane blew up over the town of Lockerbie, killing 270 people.

According to reports in the British and US press, investigators believe the bomb was hidden in an unaccompanied suitcase from Malta, which was transferred in Frankfurt to the ill-fated flight.

The Swedish police suspect a link between these four Palestinians and the Lockerbie bombing. They (the police) are under a lot of pressure right now and will probably make a public statement on the issue within a week or so, the Swedish security source told Reuters.

Document

The police document shows the travel movements of Mahomed Abu Talib, 35, who is accused in court of leading a guerrilla cell based in Sweden. Abu Talib flew to Malta on Oct. 19, 1988.

According to the Swedish newspaper *Kvällsposten*, he met members of the militant Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC) in Malta. He returned to Stockholm a week later.

The four Palestinians standing trial in Stockholm live in Sweden and were arrested last May. They are accused of a series of bombings against US and Jewish targets in Copenhagen, Stockholm and Amsterdam in 1985 and 1986.

One bomb which exploded outside the office of the US airline Northwest Orient in Copenhagen killed one person.

The youngest defendant in the trial has admitted his involvement in the bombings. The others deny the charges.

Device

Investigators in Europe have uncovered evidence linking a Palestinian group to last December's Pan Am bombing, the New York Times reported today.

Quoting US government officials, the newspaper said a Palestinian being held on terrorism charges in Sweden, admitted he retrieved and passed to another person a bomb hidden in a building in West Germany.

The bomb is believed similar to the device that destroyed the Pan American Boeing 747 on Dec. 21, 1988, and was possibly the same bomb, the Times quoted the US officials as saying.

West German police overlooked the device when they searched the building in October 1988, and arrested 14 members of the PFLP-GC.

Analysis

The newspaper quoted US officials as also saying analysis of fragments of clothing from the bag that contained the bomb led investigators to a factory in Malta.

London's Sunday Times reported similar findings on Sunday, saying a computer loading list showed an unaccompanied suitcase from Malta was transferred to Pan Am Flight 103, which originated in Frankfurt.

A team of seven Scottish police officers assisted by agents from the US Federal Bureau of Investigation has been in Malta interviewing airport baggage handlers, cleaners and other staff.

In London, passengers switched to a larger Boeing 747 and the plane was blown out of the sky over Lockerbie shortly after departing for its final destination, New York.

Suitcase

The Sunday Times said a copper-coloured Samsonite suitcase that carried the bomb almost certainly carried clothing that had been made and bought in Malta.

Investigators believe the bomb, made of Semtex plastic explosive, was assembled in West Germany and taken to Malta, the paper said.

A town councillor criticised today the way £2.3 million (\$3.6 million) fund set up after the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 has been distributed.

The trustees of the fund said last week that only £116,000 (\$182,000) have been given to relatives of the 259 people on board the plane which exploded last Dec. 21.

The bulk of the funds has gone to community groups to benefit Lockerbie residents, 11 of whom were killed by the plane's falling fiery wreckage.

Top ministers warn Thatcher

Maggie sinks in polls

LONDON, Oct. 31. (AP) - Britain's new Foreign Secretary, Douglas Hurd, says that some cabinet ministers "shriveled up" before Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and says her administration needs to be more persuasive.

Hurd's comments yesterday came as the Conservative government, rocked by the resignation of its top Treasury official, sank to the worst ratings of Thatcher's decade in power. One sounding showed her the most unpopular leader since polling began.

"She likes an argument," Hurd said in a television interview. "Some people find it difficult to argue with a woman prime minister, so they rather tend to shrivel up and feel resentful. The answer is actually to argue back. You'll find yourself being contradicted and sometimes told you don't know what you are talking about. But if you persevere... you gain ground."

Hurd was among several party leaders who obliquely criticised Thatcher's style of leadership, which is under renewed scrutiny since Thursday's sudden resignation of Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson.

Hurd, widely regarded as more enthusiastic about the European Economic Community than Thatcher, stressed that Britain is committed in principle to joining fully the European Monetary System linking the continent's major currencies.

The issue was at the heart of the dispute that led to Lawson's resignation.

In the subsequent cabinet shuffle, Thatcher moved Hurd, formerly home secretary, to the Foreign Office and replaced Lawson with John Major, who had been foreign secretary for just three months.

Earlier, former Conservative Party chairman Norman Tebbit, who helped mastermind Thatcher's election victory in 1987, warned, "she cannot afford many more mishaps." He called the latest cabinet shuffle "an appalling political muddle."

In a national opinion poll, Thatcher hit the lowest popularity rating for any prime minister since polling started in Britain 50 years ago.

Only 24 per cent of 935 voters questioned said they were satisfied with her performance, and 61 per cent blamed her for Lawson's resignation.

He said he could not continue in the 22-member cabinet so long as Thatcher retained a personal economic adviser, Sir Alan Walters, who opposes Britain joining fully the European Monetary System. Walters then also resigned.

Thatcher is somewhere between lukewarm and opposed to membership in the system's currency-stabilising exchange rate mechanism, which is favoured by both Lawson and the Deputy Prime Minister, Sir Geoffrey Howe. Thatcher fired Howe as foreign secretary last June.

The furor has heightened criticisms of Thatcher's style as bossy, hectoring and intolerant of opposing views in the cabinet. A Harris poll, for the British Broadcasting Corp.'s last night current affairs programme "Panorama," showed the Conservatives a huge 13 points behind the socialist Labour Party.

In an ominous sign for Thatcher, who had been credited relatively widely with pulling the British economy around, 61 per cent said the government now is handling the economy badly.

Sixty-seven per cent said they had little or no confidence in Thatcher's handling of the government.

The polls gave no margin of error.

Leading conservatives were today rallying round their leader.

Nations meet on dumping

LONDON, Oct. 31. (AP) - Representatives from 63 countries yesterday began a meeting of the London Dumping Convention, the forum which regulates the dumping of waste at sea and is under pressure to ban permanently nuclear waste disposal in the oceans.

Britain, however, opposes a permanent ban and plans to dump at sea decommissioned nuclear submarines when they become obsolete.

The issue will be discussed later this week.

UK army facing recruiting crisis

LONDON, Oct. 31. (Kina) - The British army has teamed up with two employment agencies to help solve its major recruiting crisis, it was reported here today.

It is 3,000 down on its established strength of 151,000 and the number of people leaving annually has reached 20,000.

The Daily Telegraph said that agency staff have visited military units to get a flavour of the life they are offering.

The 12-month experiment with a number of agencies including "Brook Street," and "Extra Staff" in London, started last summer.

Britain awards damages to four

LONDON, Oct. 31. (AP) - Three people jailed for 14 years on a wrongful conviction for an Irish Republican Army bombing will each get \$79,000 as an interim compensation payment, the government said today.

Paul Hill, the fourth person wrongly convicted in the 1974 bombing that killed five people in Guildford, southwest of London, will get \$15,800, officials said.

Home Office Minister John Patten said in a statement to Parliament yesterday that the so-called Guildford Four would each get an initial payment. His aides, requesting anonymity, specified the amounts later.

The four were freed last week after the country's second-ranking judge, Lord Lane, quashed the convictions, ruling that police officers probably lied at the trial.

Hill, 35, was also serving a life sentence on a separate conviction of murdering a British soldier in Belfast, northern Ireland. He was freed on bail pending an appeal.

The others, Gerard Conlon, 35, and Patrick Armstrong, 39, both from Belfast, and a London woman, Carole Richardson, 32, were freed unconditionally.

The ruling, after a prolonged campaign to exonerate the four, has damaged the reputation of the police and led to demands for reopening of other cases. The government has ordered an inquiry into the police conduct in the Guildford case.

Britain's recently retired top legal officer, Lord Hailsham, said appeal judges were right to turn down previous appeals by the Guildford Four on the evidence then available.

"I cannot see how you can blame the piano because someone strikes the wrong note or blows a computer because someone feeds it false information," Hailsham said in a television interview yesterday.

Bomb scare in Ireland



Shot dead

Corporal Maheshkumar (Mick) Islania who was shot on Oct. 26 along with his baby daughter by an IRA gunman. Pictured earlier this year (1989) when he was presented with his Long Service and Good Conduct medal. (Reuter wirephoto)

Rail lines closed

BELFAST, Oct. 31. (AP) - Three railway lines in Northern Ireland were closed by bomb warnings last night, a day after Protestants and Roman Catholics travelled together to defy IRA disruption of cross-border trains.

Anonymous telephone calls warned of bombs on the lines between Newry in the north and Dundalk in the southern Irish Republic. Separate warnings shut down services in the north between Belfast and Bangor and Belfast and Larne.

Police said they would not inspect the tracks until daylight because of possible ambushes and booby traps.

The closure meant disruption this morning for thousands of Belfast-bound commuters.

Hundreds of people travelled on "peace trains" at the weekend to protest bombings and bomb hoaxes by the outlawed Irish Republican Army which has halted the cross-border route more than 60 times this year in its fight to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

Barony restored

Back after 493 years

LONDON, Oct. 31. (AP) - Grey of Codnor is back in the English peerage after being absent for 493 years.

Charles Legh Sutherland-Cornwall-Legh, 86, presenting his writ of summons, took his place in the House of Lords yesterday as the fifth Baron Grey of Codnor.

He is the first holder of the ancient title since the fourth baron died in 1496 leaving three illegitimate sons without claim to the title.

Cornwall-Legh proved his claim after tracing hundreds of descendants around the world through about 20 generations down five centuries.

But the House of Lords committee on privileges backed Cornwall-Legh and Queen Elizabeth II finally approved his petition first presented to her grandfather.

"It was very costly but I felt once it had been started I had to go on," said the new Lord Grey, as barons are known.

He is a country squire, once a tea planter in Ceylon - now Sri Lanka - and a former magistrate and high sheriff of Cheshire, the northwest England county where the family live near Knutsford.

The claimant had one opponent: Simon Fletcher, father of actress Susan Sarandon, claimed aunt Lucy was not the fourth baron's blood aunt and the only true heir descended through the Fletcher family line to another aunt.

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There is nothing but the title left of the barony.



New camp but no luck

Vietnamese boat people carry their belongings into the newly completed High Island Detention Centre in Hong Kong yesterday. The camp will house approximately 4,500 of the 56,000 Vietnamese boat people still in the British colony. Four hundred refugees were placed in the centre today. (Reuter wirephoto)

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'Unfit' ousted

BEIJING, Oct. 31. (AP) - China's Parliament today ousted two Hong Kong residents from a panel drafting a new constitution for the colony, saying they were unfit because they condemned China's crackdown on its pro-democracy movement.

Its leadership ruled Szeto Wah and Martin Lee no longer fit to serve on the Chinese-dominated committee that is formulating the British colony's constitution for when it reverts to Chinese control in 1997.

The Chinese lawmakers said the two can only return to the committee if they "abandon their antagonistic stand against the Chinese government and their attempt to nullify the Sino-British joint declaration on Hong Kong," the official Xinhua news agency reported.

Britain and Hong Kong agreed in 1984 that the colony, a coastal enclave, would revert to Chinese rule eight years from now, in July 1997.

The new constitution, known as the basic law, is supposed to guarantee a "one country-two systems" formula, under which the territory is to keep its Western capitalist system for 50 years.

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Former Kosovo Communist Party leader Azem Vlasi (centre) during the first day of trial at a Titova Mitrovica, Yugoslavia, court. (Reuter wirephoto)



Policemen arresting an ethnic Albanian after demonstrations in Podujevo, Yugoslavia. (Reuter wirephoto)

Trial sparks riot in Kosovo Police clash with Albanians

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia, Oct 31. (Reuter): Yugoslav police have clashed with thousands of ethnic Albanians protesting at the trial of a leading Albanian politician facing a possible death penalty for 'counter-revolution.'

Police battled about 1,000 stone-throwing rioters in the town of Podujevo 40 kms (25 miles) north of Pristina, capital of the province of Kosovo, with tear-gas, clubs and armored vehicles.

The rioters, many of them masked and wielding clubs, erected barricades made of wrecked cars and overturned rubbish bins in

the protest against the trial of former Kosovo Communist Party chief Azem Vlasi.

Hundreds of people on Pristina's central promenade fled in panic after police bombed the street with tear-gas to disperse groups of protesters.

Vlasi, 41, and 14 other Albanian officials, were indicted for fomenting protest against curbs on Kosovo's self-rule in favour of the biggest republic, Serbia, in November and February.

Riots in March and May this year left 25 people dead.

Albanians represent a 1.7 million majority, compared to 200,000 Serbs, in Kosovo, an autonomous province of Serbia.

The indictment, which includes "counter-revolution," a communist phrase for political trials, carries a maximum penalty of death by firing squad.

Protesting his innocence, Vlasi told the court in Titova Mitrovica, 180 kms (110 miles) south of Belgrade: "I have not committed any criminal acts nor am I a criminal or a counter-revolutionary ... a stage-managed political trial has been prepared for me."

Krenz on 'study' trip to Moscow

BERLIN, Oct 31. (AP): Communist Party chief Egon Krenz flew to Moscow today for talks with Kremlin officials, a day after almost half a million East Germans took to the streets to demand democratic reforms.

Last night's protests in nine cities were the largest in East Germany's 40-year history.

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Bush, Gorby to hold shipboard summit

Surprise Med meet announced by US, Soviets

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"The upcoming talks between the Soviet and American leaders will be informal, aimed at allowing them to know each other better," Shevardnadze told reporters.

The unusual midwater summit was to be held one day on a US naval ship at sea, and the other day on a Soviet vessel.

Gorbachev has a Nov 29-Dec. 1 trip to Italy scheduled, including a meeting with Pope John Paul II.

An arms control summit with Gorbachev will take place as scheduled next year, "separate and apart" from the two days of talks next month,

Bush told a hastily arranged White House news conference.

He said neither he nor Gorbachev expected "substantial decisions" to come out of the December talks.

"In this time of change, I didn't want to miss something," Bush said in explaining his decision to suggest a meeting. "I don't want to have two gigantic ships pass in the night because of failed communications."

"The fate of a lot of countries are wrapped up in how the United States and the Soviet Union get along and how the changes in eastern Europe and the Soviet Union are managed," Bush told reporters.

Today's surprise announcement came at a time when Bush is under pressure from members of Congress to demonstrate more flexibility in responding to the dramatic changes in the Soviet Union and especially in other eastern European countries, including Hungary and Poland.

Gorbachev is under pressure at home to demonstrate that his policies of perestroika, or economic restructuring, can improve the daily lives of millions of Soviet citizens.

Bush said there was no formal agenda but that the two men would discuss a "wide array of subjects," and that the success of the summit should not be judged on whether decisions are reached.

He said he originally proposed the idea of the summit in July and got a "very prompt" and favourable reply from Gorbachev.

He said US allies were advised of the plans for the summit meeting earlier today and that they were enthusiastic.

Bush had previously balked at such an informal meeting with Gorbachev prior to next year's full-scale summit.

"What changed my mind on it was consultation with our allies, the rapidity of change in eastern Europe, the emergence of democracies in that hemisphere ..." Bush said.



Pravda editor meets press

The new editor of Pravda met the foreign press yesterday and offered some ideas for enlivening the Communist Party's flagship paper.

But Wan Frolow told reporters that "we shall not seek to increase circulation at all costs" and indicated that weak commitment by today's communists was as much an issue as the paper's content in its flagging fortunes.

Only one week into his new job, the white-haired confidant of President Mikhail Gorbachev already has done something that would have been a surprise coming from his remote predecessor Viktor Afanasyev, who ran the paper for 13 years.

Frolow opened Pravda's 8th floor conference room to foreign correspondents and sought their questions. (Reuter wirephoto)

US sees reforms chance

WASHINGTON, Oct 31. (AP): Disputing the existence of serious differences among key US officials, Secretary of State James A. Baker said yesterday the Bush administration is trying to seize "what we think is an opportunity" for significant reform in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Baker said "there are only nuances of difference" over whether Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev can succeed in his programme of transforming the country politically and economically.

Calling that a question of "durability," Baker said "I don't think there are any policy differences in the administration on the question of the desirability" of the Soviet leader's perestroika policies.

"We've made up our minds," Baker said, "that there is an opportunity where we should try and seize; that it would be a mistake (not to try) regardless of what we think about his (Gorbachev's) chances of success. And quite clearly he faces some very major problems."

But, Baker said, "we ought to talk about that in the right way and at the right time."

On another subject, Baker said he did not expect "definitive answers" on prospects for Mideast negotiations during an eight-day trip to Asia that begins tonight.

Baker will meet with Prime Minister Bob Hawke and attend a 12-nation planning session for a new economic grouping among Asian nations.

"We may continue to talk even while I am off the trip," Baker said.

"But I would guide you off looking for either a make-or-break on this thing before the trip is over."

Baker has been conducting much of his Middle East diplomacy by telephone with Foreign Ministers Moshe Arens of Israel and Esam Abdel Meguid of Egypt. His goal is to set up a meeting between Israeli and Palestinians leading to elections on the West Bank and in Gaza.

been published in advance, pointed out that the progress made so far in the country's development does not correspond to new concepts and requirements and that changes in the political system were necessary.

Twenty of the 35 nations at a three-week environmental conference in Sofia made an official request to the Bulgarian government for information about seven prominent activists, including Anton Zayyanov and Lyubomir Sobajev of the independent association for the defence of human rights.

Zayyanov, who two weeks ago attended open sessions of the conference as an official guest of the US and British delegations, told dissidents in Sofia he had been told to leave the country or face prosecution for spying. (Reuter)

Bulgaria to make changes: Communist-led Bulgaria has decided to ride the wave of change currently sweeping East bloc countries as a plenum of the country's Communist Party was asked to convene Nov 10 to consider changes in the political system to match up with new concepts and requirements, the Sofia press agency reported today.

The agency said a report, to be delivered by the party's General Secretary Todor Zhivkov, which has

been published in advance, pointed out that the progress made so far in the country's development does not correspond to new concepts and requirements and that changes in the political system were necessary.

"In view of this, the draft of a new constitution is to be prepared and the functions of the party and state power, of the representative, executive and judicial bodies are to be reconsidered," the agency quoted as saying. (Komsomolskaya Pravda)

Call for new Polish party: Communist Party members of parliament yesterday called for establishment of a new party that can meet the needs of a more democratic Poland.

Marian Orzechowski, chairman of the 173-member caucus in the Polish house of Sejm, said at a briefing the next party congress in January should launch a new party "following the principles of democratic, pluralistic socialism."

Orzechowski distributed an open letter of the party caucus originally released Saturday which declared:

"The party's time has run out. It stands at the threshold of political breakdown."

Hungary tackles thorny issue of electing president

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Oct 31. (AP): Parliament today went into the second half of a two-day session, tackling one of the thornier issues of the country's move toward democracy: when and how to elect a president.

The newly created presidency, with responsibilities including command of the armed forces, originally was to be filled in a Nov 26 popular vote. But two opposition groups

have collected more than 100,000 signatures on petitions calling for a referendum on the method and timing of electing the president.

The groups want the president to be chosen by the parliament after general elections, to be held by June. They saw that an election before then would give the ruling Socialist Party candidate, Imre Pozsgay, an unfair advantage.

Opposition groups claim they have not had

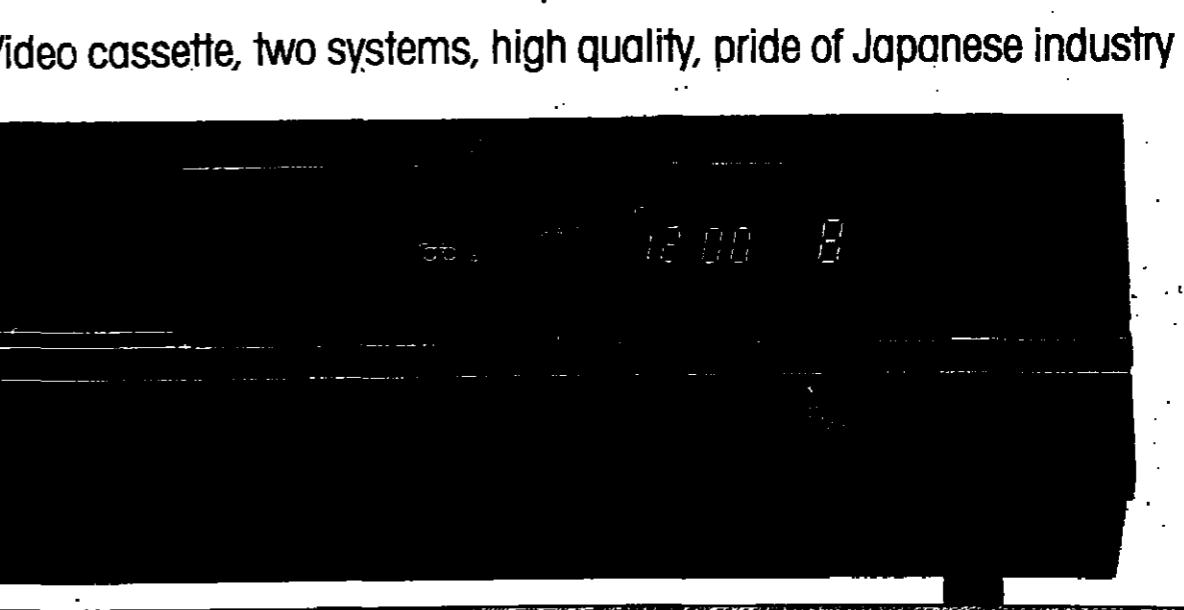
enough time to organise and make their candidates known.

The Socialist Party is the successor to the Communist Party, which disbanded itself at a congress this month. That was one of many moves which have put Hungary at the forefront of East bloc changes, along with Poland, where the bloc's first non-communist-led government took power in September.

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Courses in journalism for Kuwaitis

Local newspapers to impart training

SEVERAL meetings with editors-in-chief of local newspapers have been held by officials of the Ministry of Information to discuss the feasibility of these media to impart training to Kuwaiti youth in the art of journalism and its related specialisations.

Commenting on this issue, Yacoub Al Awadi, assistant undersecretary of the Ministry of Information for financial and administrative affairs said that this move is designed to be one amongst the several intended to achieve the objectives of the

Kuwaitisation process.

He went on to state that to obtain optimum exposure from these training courses, officials of the ministry will further hold meetings with editors-in-chief of local magazines. Both meetings will explore the number of trainees that can be accommodated, along with the possibility of students being offered a course of lectures on the subject by specialists in the field of journalism and related information fields.

Commenting on the opening of a faculty

for information, Awadhi said that this project was introduced 15 years ago on the basis of establishing a department of information at the faculty of arts at Kuwait University and it is now expected that the department will be opened next year.

However, the official said that there is every likelihood that the ministry in future, the ministry may open a centre for organisation of such courses. This will depend to a great extent on the number of students that opt to register at these courses.

Officials of the ministry, in co-operation

with specialists will undertake studies on the visibility of the centre and these studies will be submitted to the minister of information.

Returning to the Kuwaitisation process, Awadhi said that the ministry had appointed about 500 Kuwaiti youths in different departments in one year. The youths have been appointed in majors that are needed by the ministry such as engineers, translators, accountants and technicians as well as other clerical jobs at the television and broadcasting station.

New camel pox vaccine discovered in S. Arabia

THE Ministry of Agriculture and Water in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia has successfully developed a camel pox vaccine known as seed virus. The new vaccine's discovery came as a result of pioneering and lengthy experimental work which began in 1986 at the Ministry's National Centre for Agriculture and Water Research.

The new vaccine, the first of its kind, will significantly contribute to the protection of camels in the kingdom and the region. It will be used first on camels at experimental farms before it is manufactured for commercial use.

Due to its significance and the interest it may attract from scientific circles, the result of Saudi research and study will be published in leading journals and introduced in international scientific conferences.



Salem congratulates officer

Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah received at his office yesterday Lieutenant-Colonel Mohammed Jaber Al Fahed from the Police College on the occasion of being conferred a Ph.D in Sociology, according to a release from the ministry's Public Relations Department. It added that the minister congratulated the Lieutenant-Colonel and urged him to apply the content of his thesis to his job. Fahed thanked Sheikh Salem for his kind gesture confirming that he will always aim for the good opinion of the minister.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Bangladeshi remittances boon to their economy

THE contribution of Bangladeshi workforce in Bahrain to their national economy back home has been increasing steadily over the last few years according to a Bangladesh embassy source.

Total remittances of about 10,000 Bangladeshi expatriates employed on the island have increased by an average of Taka 4 crore between 1987 to mid 89 annually. In 1986 total remittances amounted to Taka 25 crore. The figure increased from Taka 34 crore in 1987 to Taka 38 crore in 1988. The amount stands of about Taka 42 crore for June 1989.

It has been reported by official sources that the Bangladeshi labour force particularly in the construction sector, has been in great demand in Bahrain over the years for their hard work, skills and low-cost factor. In recent times services of Bangladeshi construction workers have continued to be highly sought after despite a general slowdown in the construction activity on the island. It has been mentioned that Bangladeshi workers are generally preferred by employers in this country to other nationalities of workers in the construction sector.

Trend

In recent years a large number of expatriates have left Bahrain because of recession, completion of the island's basic infrastructure employing the bulk of the overseas workforce and the general slowdown of the economic development in the region. Despite this trend the number of Bangladeshi workers in Bahrain has increased from about 7,000 two years back to 10,000 which also include families of workers.

In view of Bahrain's relatively small Bangladeshi community compared to Bangladeshi workforce in other Gulf countries, the amount of remittances sent by the island's Bangladeshi to their homeland is quite considerable and praiseworthy according to the Bangladeshi embassy source here. Although there is no basic minimum wage structure for Bangladeshi nationals working abroad, including the Gulf, the average Bangladeshi construction worker earns about BD50 per month in Bahrain. This figure is less than what is earned by workers of other SAARC countries on the island.

In these days of cost-consciousness and reduced expenditure on overheads Bahraini employers are happy to recruit more Bangladeshi, who apart from costing less provide considerably more in terms of working hours and productivity.

Both government and Bangladesh embassy sources add that services of Bangladeshi workers in Bahrain will continue to be sought after for a long time.

Different people, different tastes

MPH commended for checking chicken farms

CHICKEN is considered one of the staple diets in Kuwait and the market has many kinds of fresh, frozen, live and freshly slaughtered chickens to suit the taste of the most discerning purchaser. The variety provides consumers several alternatives to select their choices in relation to taste, prices and weight.

A local daily interviewed a number of consumers to highlight the bases of their choices.

Jaddan Al Shemari, a consumer said that he prefers local chickens raised within Kuwaiti farms. He said that chickens raised in Kuwait are given high quality fodder consisting of chemicals and protein extracted from animal wastes. He indicated that chickens raised at Kuwaiti farms are not given fodder containing hormones intended to increase weight and size as these hormones are harmful to humans. Studies conducted at some Arab countries concluded that chickens fed hormonal fodder contribute to kidney failure in humans.

Monitoring

He commanded the Ministry of Public Health for continued monitoring of the chicken farms in Kuwait which resulted in raising consumer confidence in this commodity. He added that in the eventuality he was unable to obtain live chickens, he would then opt to purchase the Kuwaiti frozen type. However, he said that he did not favour buying imported or frozen varieties or other types as he was uncertain of their standards of health.

In relation to prices of live and frozen chickens, Shemari said that the difference between these two varieties is insignificant and thus it is an added incentive to customers to purchase live chickens.

Ahmad Abdul Ghaffar, who sells and slaughters chickens at his shop said that he sells an average of 500 chickens each day at 550 fils per kilo. Each chicken he receives from the suppliers weighs on an average of 1.5 kilos. He said that after slaughter, chicken wastes are placed in bags to be picked up by cleaning company vehicles which arrive daily. He added that the municipality is very stringent in

maintaining that these wastes are not kept within the premises of the shop from a health point of view.

Ghaffar gave a brief idea on how to pick up a good chicken by saying that in the first place a consumer should look at the chicken breast. A dark coloured chicken breast means an unhealthy chicken. In addition, the active movement of the chicken shows that it is a good buy.

Hamdi Abdul Naeem, a chilled chicken dealer said that he sells 400 chilled chickens a day. He indicated that all slaughtering is conducted under the provision of vets. It is then cleaned and filled in bags which are then tagged to indicate weight, price and validity date.

He said that the price of chilled chicken is not expensive adding that the price of each chicken is tagged on the basis of weight in grammes. On the other hand, he said that he sells a daily average of 150 frozen chicken. He indicated that some consumers prefer to buy the chicken of a particular company on the basis of taste and fodder given to chickens while breeding.

Atif Saleem a consumer prefers frozen chickens because he said that it doesn't contain much fat and is tastier than live chicken. He prefers Danish frozen chicken because of its taste and the fact that it is cheaper than the live variety.

Mubarak Salem a consumer prefers to buy Brazilian frozen chicken because he said its meat is more dense and has less fat.

Abdul Hameed Al Ramadhan, the sales manager at one of the companies which specialises in selling and raising live, chilled and frozen chicken said that sales of live chicken is highest during the beginning and middle of each month. He stated that demand on frozen chicken is much higher than the demand on live and chilled chicken, because it is cheaper and has a short freezing period.

He indicated that most consumers consider the frozen type similar to the live or chilled type adding that many families buy a big amount of live chicken and freeze it for later use.

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Quadruplegic divorced

THE Court of Personal Status has ruled in favour of a woman who requested separation from her husband on grounds of his being quadruplegic since February 1987.

The court has ordered the formation of a special medical committee to examine the husband. Medical reports confirmed the husband to be a quadriplegic (paralysed in all four limbs), and as such he is incapacitated and

cannot perform his marital duties.

The ruling was also based on an evaluation of the case from the viewpoint of Islamic jurisprudence, in which case the separation was not treated as a divorce and consequently no divorce-related procedures would be applicable.

The plaintiff will go into "Eddia" (the Islamic legal limited period for a divorced or separated woman to remain unmarried before she could remarry).

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Private institutes sue Ministry of Education

Trouble over coaching classes

CLOSURE of private institutions has left a large void on the educational scene and has left most parents and institutions in a dilemma.

The issue is being judicially deliberated by Kuwaiti courts at the request of the Ministry of Education and institution owners.

A local daily interviewed a number of institute owners to highlight their reactions on this issue.

Generally speaking, they said that private institutes are licensed by the Ministry of Education in a manner similar to private schools. However, the former offer various cultural activities represented in the form of coaching classes, computer courses, languages, accounting and other professional programmes. These curricula are under the full administrative supervision of the Ministry of Education, owners claimed.

The agenda of the programme is intended to develop qualifications of participants who work in fields of planning and developing manpower in Arab countries.

The programme will focus on studying concepts and terms used for inhabitants and manpower and on training in the use of personal computers in their day-to-day work.

Priorities will be accorded to studying population growth and related facilities, employment educational and training policies as well as overstaffing and overlapping in functions.

Meanwhile the training centre at the Ministry of Education has been directed to prepare scholarship and training courses plans.

computer specialisations which are now being offered by many institutes on a large scale. Other activities include video, television surveying and other applied curriculums.

Owners considered strengthening classes as playing a parallel role to schools. Most classes are being extended to students of the intermediate and secondary stages. Many parents benefited from the expertise of these schools and have welcomed these services as they were a good substitute to bringing in private and expensive tutors to their homes.

After the closure of the private institutions, owners said that several parents had complained of the exorbitant tuition fees they had to incur to employ private tutors.

Closure

Due to the high-cost of private tutors, many parents have suffered — a ratio that is estimated at about 50 per cent, owners said.

Most parents prefer enrolling their sons or daughters in tutoring classes at private institutes than taking them to Kuwait Teachers Society for several reasons.

Private institutes compete with each other to offer students better tutors in addition to the fact that students are classified according

to their levels at schools. Such a system is not implemented at Kuwait Teachers Society coaching classes and this added attention to educational development in minute detail is reflected in better results by private institutes, owners said.

The decision ordering the closure of coaching classes at private institutes came as a total surprise to all, owners said. The decision was forced by Kuwait Teachers Society, particularly by some beneficiaries working from the inside who figured that closure of private institutes will increase their financial gains up to KD two millions. These beneficiaries have claimed that institutes affected the educational operation inside schools, owners commented.

Owners added that coaching classes offered by Kuwait Teachers Society are not censored by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and as a professional society it receives support from the government.

Owners of private institutes have repeatedly met with all concerned officials in order to push forward the re-opening of institutes. However, all efforts failed completely and the issue was neglected.



Winners of the Made-For-Each Other contest L to R. Raveen & Betty Tanagni, John Lewis & Barbara Coulter and winners Nicholas Monteiro & Flora Smith.

Breeze '89 a grand success

A THUNDERING success of 'Breeze 89' organised by the Tivim Centre-Kuwait sponsored by Rothmans and co-sponsored by Photo & Cine was witnessed on October 26 at the newly opened "Le Mirage" Ballroom of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. A capacity crowd danced to the scintillating music provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. Guest appearance was done by up and coming young musicians Equalizers.

An evening full of surprises started at the early stage and surprise gifts were given till the last seconds of the gathering. The main event of the evening was the Made-for-Each other Contest. A record number of contestants took part in this event. At the end of this grueling task, a young couple Nicholas Monteiro and Flora Smith were declared winners to a thunderous applause.

First and second runners-up spots were claimed by Raveen & Betty Tanagni and John Lewis & Barbara Coulter respectively.

Competitions

In the Ballroom Dancing Competition, Joseph Rebello and Lucy Rebello outshone Jerry & Flavia Souza who took the second spot. Joseph and Lucy with a perfect rhythmic sequence of dancing took away the coveted 1st prize outbeating many contestants. All eyes were glued to the floor as this unique competition took place for the first time in Kuwait.

The show was ably compered by popular face Lancy McGhee who kept the crowd enthralled throughout the function. The crowd was all praises for the young organisers who were making their debut on the social scene.

Winners of the Ballroom Dancing Competition Joseph Rebello and Lucy Rebello.

things at highlighting the role and the importance of information centres for development and the decision making process. He added that these centres should be given the necessary encouragement and support to realise its important objectives.

He added, whereas information plays a significant role in sound planning and since information is a salable commodity, the necessary concern to improve such material must be given either on individual or official level.

He added that the symposium will be attended by researchers, professors of various universities and representatives of various information centres whose aim is to exchange expertise in the field of information.

Shatti said that the symposium aims among other

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The symposium is to be organised in co-operation with Baghdad based Informational Documentation Centre of the Arab Gulf countries and will be patronised by UAE's Minister of Information.

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should provide more "muezins" and "imams" at mosques to attract more worshippers.

Residents also complained of traffic jams which are caused by narrow streets and they further indicated that it is necessary to build speed breakers to protect pedestrians from over speeding cars. They also called for the removal of all automobile repair shops from residential areas.

They stressed that it is important to preserve cleanliness in the area and asked that council members tour the area for first hand knowledge on the level of services provided.

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Mustafa Mahmoud, a resident of Hawalli said the main problem in the area governorate is the high density of population and the excavation works which are seen everywhere.

Othman Khalid on the other hand said that some residential buildings are very old and require restoration in addition to the fact that residents at these buildings suffer problems with landlords. He said that water is still brought by water tankers and most residents complain about the regular overflow of sewage. He added that the governorate has no gardens or recreational areas.

Mega petrochemical complex under study

New investment strategy

LOCAL daily reported yesterday that Kuwait has begun applying a new strategy for petrochemical industries in light of its experiment in this field for the last 25 years. The report stated that the new strategy will be based on investment in petrochemical projects that need huge capital outlay in very sophisticated sectors that require advanced technology. Only large interna-

tional companies or governments will have the capacity to invest in such projects. The new strategy comes from the experiment that petrochemical projects that do not require a huge capital outlay can easily be handled by individuals and small companies thus increasing the number of investors and production. This however leads to difficulties in marketing

and sharply reduces the price of these products. The report added that factories with large capital and sophisticated equipment but with only a few investors do not have a problem marketing their products.

It has been observed that simple petrochemical industries like ammonia and urea are mostly sold to agricultural countries in the Third World which cannot pay for

these products because they face a shortage of hard currency.

Sophisticated products however are usually imported in rich industrial countries, with stable markets.

The report said that the idea of establishing a mega complex for petrochemicals is being discussed with international companies.



Interior Minister Sheikh Salem seen leaving Kuwait yesterday morning to attend the security conference in Riyadh.

Pancreas transplant: donor and patient in good health

By Lima Al Khalafawi
Arab Times staff

THE first successful pancreas transplant in the Middle East was carried out on Oct 15. The four-hour operation was performed by professor and chairman of the Department of Organ Transplantation, Dr. George J. Aboua.

Arab Times interviewed both the donor and the recipient after they left the hospital. The recipient M. Sayeed Tahir of Arab Times that he is completely free from insulin since the operation, enjoying good health and appetite.

The donor said that a year ago he gave his brother one of his kidneys, and this year he gave one of his pancreas. Both praised the effort of Dr. Aboua and encouraged people to donate an organ to save a relative's life.

Dr. Aboua said that pancreas transplant can come from a cadaver or from the relative of a diabetic person. Most transplants have come from cadavers and only 70 cases of pancreas transplantation have been carried out from living relatives. Most were done at the University of Minnesota and the one performed in Kuwait is number 71.

He added that the current success of pancreas transplantation has been about 70 per cent in any one year when it comes from cadavers and about 80 to 85 per cent when it comes from a living relative. Most pancreas transplants were done for patients who required kidney transplantation because of their kidneys failed secondary to the diabetes itself.

He said that most diabetic patients have other secondary complications besides kidney failure such as blindness, heart



The Taher brothers... encouragement.

disease, enterotherapy, neurotherapy and other complications.

Pancreas transplantation is done either at the same time as the kidney transplant from the same donor or after one or two years after the patient has received a successful kidney transplant. Ideally, pancreas transplant should be done early before the many complications of diabetes such as kidney failure, heart disease or nerve disease affect the patient so that these complications may be prevented.

With the improvement in techniques and with the discovery of better and more recent immunosuppressive agents, pancreas transplantation like liver and heart transplantation will continue to increase and the demand for the operations will rise every year. Because of this demand many centres throughout the world are now starting to embark on pancreas transplantation for diabetic patients. There are some 54 centres in the US and 30 in Europe.

Father sets son ablaze

Secondary School Education Exams.

The father, it is alleged, tied up the boy and began giving him a real good "working over." The boy's screams brought his elder brother to the scene and he managed to rescue and untie him.

However, the father retied his son and after pouring kerosene on him set him ablaze. The boy's terrible screams were once again

heard by his brother who rushed again to save him and threw a blanket over him in a bid to extinguish the flames.

The victim's screams also brought the mother to the scene and the boy was rushed to the Farwaniya Hospital.

Unfortunately he was pronounced "Dead on Arrival".

The case of death has been registered as a result of first-degree burns.

No further details have been released.



Kuwait International welcomes VIPs

Top VIPs of the Friendship and Peace Games Championship, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed Al Sabah, President Kuwait Olympic Committee and Antonio Samaranch, President, International Olympic Committee were welcomed at the Kuwait International Hotel by Hermann Simon, General Manager.

GCC interior ministers seek to combat terrorism

NICOSIA, Oct 31, (Reuters): Six Gulf Arab interior ministers met in Saudi Arabia yesterday to discuss plans to set up a security umbrella to combat terrorism and protect the oil-rich region.

Bahrain's Minister, Sheikh Mohammed Khalifa Al Khalifa, told his Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) colleagues that greater efforts were needed to agree to "comprehensive security plans."

"These plans cover areas beyond the borders of the GCC states and provide a security umbrella to protect joint aims and objectives," the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) quoted him as telling the meeting in Riyadh.

Sheikh Mohammed did not spell out the plans but he said security forces in the six GCC member states — Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — co-ordinated closely in exchanging information.

The six states, which together have more than 40 percent of the world's proven oil reserves, have been negotiating a full security pact first proposed in 1983, two years after the GCC was established.

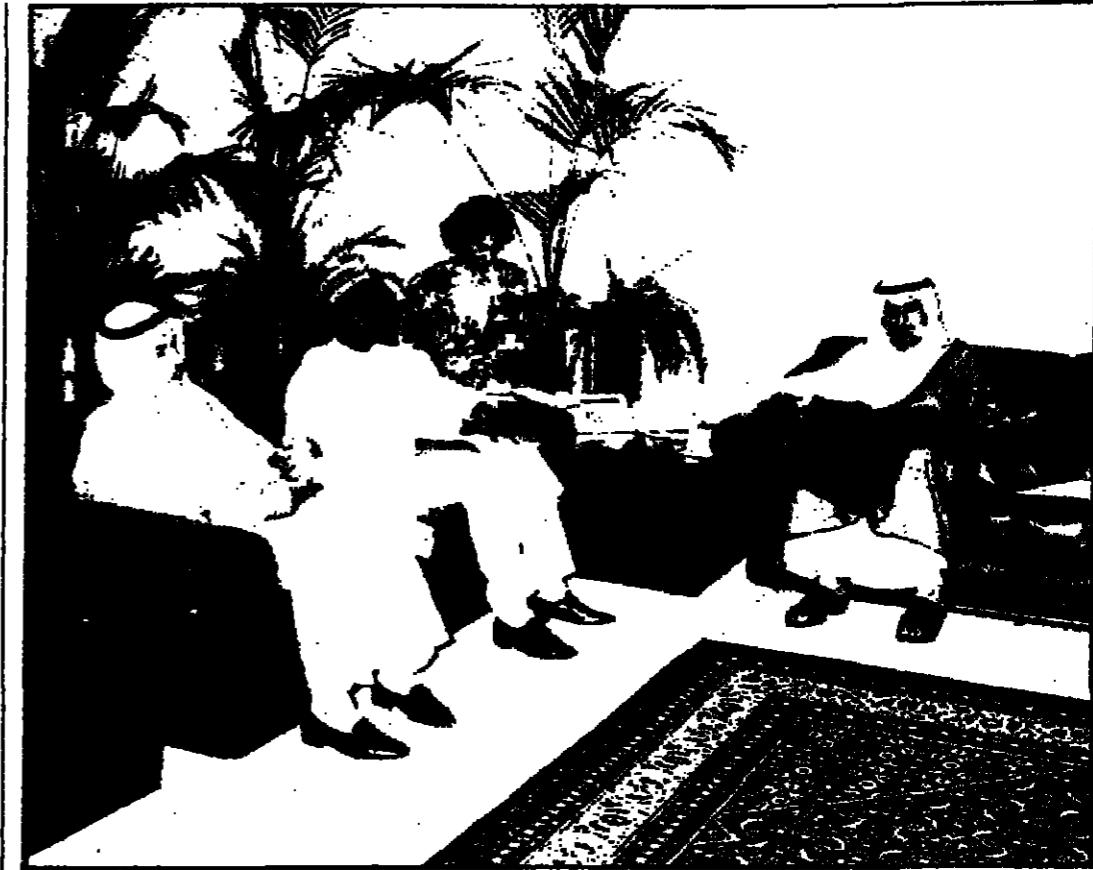
Kuwait has said it has reservations on a clause calling for the extradition of criminals.

"Let us stand in one rank against terrorism and terrorists

to safeguard our security and contribute with the civilised world in combatting this destructive evil," Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef Bin Abdulaziz told the ministers.

GCC Secretary-General Abdulla Bishara said that, despite the ceasefire agreement which ended fighting in the Iran-Iraq war in August last year, more awareness was needed to "uproot terrorism and eradicate its outlets."

"It is the duty of GCC states to co-operate to protect the region against terrorism ... and collectively confront all those trying to tamper with security" SPA quoted him as saying.



HH the Amir receives Gabid

His Highness the Amir yesterday received secretary-general of the Organisation of Islamic Conference Hamid Al Gabid and discussed with him provocations against Muslims in some countries.

The meeting was attended by Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Suleiman Majed Al Shahan.

Speaking to Kuna following the audience, Gabid said he thanked the Amir for his initiative to host the first session of negotiations between Turkey and Bulgaria in Kuwait.

Gabid said HH the Amir expressed his satisfaction over the role played by the general secretariat of the OIC in making a success of the first round of Turkish-Bulgarian talks.

He said the Amir, current OIC chairman, expressed concern over the situation of Muslim minorities around the world.

Needs of Failaka will be taken care of: Sheikh Saad

KUWAIT, Oct 31, (Kuna): HH Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdali today visited the Failaka island accompanied by a number of ministers and government officials.

On arrival, he was greeted by Failaka's mukhtar Abdul Latif Yaqoub Al Taher, a number of local officials and private citizens.

Sheikh Saad visited the public cafe and then performed the noon prayers at a mosque.

Afterwards Sheikh Saad received Failaka residents at the public cafe.

Speeches were delivered by the Failaka

mukhtar who thanked His Highness for honouring the island with his visit.

Another speaker was head of Failaka's Co-operative Society who also paid tribute to Sheikh Saad and referred to the needs of the islanders for certain services and public utilities.

Sheikh Saad, in a reply speech, said he visited the island to get acquainted with the progress of all government projects and to listen to Failaka residents and officials about the affairs of the island.

He assured them that the government was keen on implementing all vital projects in the island and pointed out

that the project under which drinking water would be pumped to the island was being given the due priority.

He pointed out that the project's study had been completed and that it had been agreed that Failaka would be supplied with drinking water from the Sabiya area.

The Ministry of Electricity and Water also plans to set up a water refining station for emergency cases, His Highness added.

He reassured his audience that the requests and needs of the island would be given the due importance they deserve

"by me personally and by the ministers."

Sheikh Saad relayed to the islanders the greetings of His Highness the Amir and thanked them for their hospitality, expressing hope that such encounters would be repeated in the same fraternal atmosphere.

Sheikh Saad then asked the islanders to put forth their suggestions and to express their needs. His Highness discussed those views with the locals and assured them that the points they raised would be taken into consideration and carefully examined.

New five-year agricultural plan to boost self-sufficiency: Duaij

National water sources to be developed

THE chairman of the board and director-general of the Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Authority Sheikh Ibrahim Duaij Al Sabah has said that the authority has prepared a five-year plan for agricultural development to be implemented during the first half of the 1990's.

He told a local daily that the aims of the plan among other things, is to consolidate self-sufficiency in certain agricultural products, enhance the agricultural sector, both horizontally and vertically and increase the volume of investments, including a number of projects concerned with stepping up food, animal and fish production to bolster self-sufficiency.

Sheikh Duaij said that the fish resources sector would under the five-year plan witness further development in response to major strategic and future requirements.

Special attention would be accorded to increasing Kuwaiti shrimp stocks and elevating production rates, whereby it would be possible to indulge in exports and set up a major financial tributary as a steady source of national income. Efforts would meanwhile be further exerted to rationalise public spending in accordance with new rectified bases.

The 1980's is a decade of distinct importance to agriculture in Kuwait, as during this period much has been done by way of administrative and professional development in the field of agriculture, including major achievements and accomplishments made in different related spheres, the official said.

He added that in the field of plant production, a special act on agricultural quarantine was issued at the GCC level for the protection of national plants from pesticides and infections passed via agricultural imports and that under this act special agricultural quarantines were set up on the borderlines of the memberstates, whether at land, sea or air. A tissue-culture lab was adequately equipped and staffed with high-calibre technicians and experts to undertake research, diagnose plant infections, and analyse insecticides to determine its effectiveness.

Palms

Sheikh Duaij also said that a comprehensive survey was commissioned in Kuwait to count the existing number of palm trees, which number 300,000 and arrangements were made to hire

palm agriculture specialists from the Food and Agriculture Organisation.

The authority also carried out experiments in growing barley in Kuwait in Wafra and Abdali farmlands. The project involved 143 farmers, and the project site covered 5,177 hectares and the yield was 770 tons of barley.

He added that protected agriculture (greenhouse agriculture) was spread over a site area of 500 hectares, following the government decision to support plant production. Nurseries were established in Wafra and Abdali, with two pilot plant units for protected agriculture in the same locations.

During this period, Sheikh Duaij said that the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research was commissioned to undertake the preparation of a special strategy for the agricultural development plan up to the year 2000. A land survey of Wafra area was performed to establish its validity for agricultural exploitation before it could be segmented and distributed among farmers.

The authority has undertaken landscaping and afforestation projects in all places in the country, without exception, and planting works implemented in new urban localities, and similar long-standing works in old localities were brought to completion. The landscaping work in general was accorded special attention and added momentum in response to the noble wish of HH the Amir.

Afforestation

As a result, he went on, school students were involved in planting numerous open spaces in different locations in the country, with support coming from the consumer co-operatives, public welfare societies, youth centres and people at large. About half a million trees and shrubs were planted during the Kuwait national celebrations marking the Greening Week in 1988.

A number of tenders were also invited for the construction of public gardens in various locations in the country, particularly where such a public facility was lacking, and a number of others were also invited to provide maintenance services to landscaped areas throughout the country.

The agricultural authority is currently enhancing the scope of afforestation projects in several locations, and a special campaign had been commissioned to plant thousands of trees, with

licences offered to citizens wishing to take part in raising livestock, and the agricultural authority had allocated land plots where this could be done, as part of efforts intended to protect national vegetation.

Developments in animal health techniques had largely contributed to accomplishments made in the sphere of animal production, the official said.

He added that vet labs were set up to handle research concerned with poultry parasites and viral diseases, and others to deal with serious animals illnesses and infections, and specialist vets were provided for these labs in Abdali and Wafra.

Moreover, he continued, viral clinics were set up in Ahmad, Jleeb Al Shiyouth and one for camels in Jahra, while at work at vet quarantines in Abdali, Nuwaiseeb, Salhi and at the airport had commenced. Amendments in the executive articles under certain veterinary acts were formalised, and a special act legalised the practice of veterinary medicine and authorised the setting up of vet clinics, while registration, selling, and trading in vet pharmaceuticals were regulated by an official decision besides authorising the establishment of vet pharmacies.

Courses were arranged and implemented for vet doctors and supervisors, in co-operation with international organisations and universities, coupled with the organisation of related symposiums.

Fish resources and fish breeding witnessed major achievements which involved the further

development, optimisation of fishing techniques which resulted in a rise in development rates by over 50 per cent and the national fish stocks increased by more than 70 per cent.

Fish and shrimp

The application of rationalised shrimp fishing policies led to a rise by 100 per cent of shrimp catch during the season of 88/89. The programmes were developed and instituted into the previous five-year plan to increase fresh fish production. This has led to a steady increase in the catch percentage, while erroneous fishing patterns of fin fish and hunting in prohibited grounds was banned and the number of staff operating in the shrimp fishing sector was reduced.

This was coupled with commissioning application of scientific approach in fisheries and shrimp fishing management. Applied studies were carried out to solve problems of the marine environment and modernise fishing equipment with the intention of increasing productivity.

The agricultural authority has made provisions in its next five-year plan for attaining a national level of self-sufficiency regarding certain food commodities by way of contributing to the national food security strategy implementation which among other things included increasing investment capitals for the agriculture sector.

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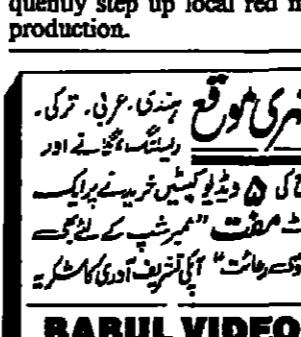
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Turkey's EEC bid raises high stakes

THE European Economic Community is about to answer Turkey's request for membership — but after keeping that country waiting for more than two years, the answer is likely to go no further than "maybe", EEC officials say.

Although anxious not to alienate a Nato ally, the community fears that Turkey's poverty, political turbulence and soaring birth rate could threaten its drive to ever closer union, the officials say.

And four centuries after Turkish armies were halted at the gates of Vienna, some Europeans are conjuring up the spectre of millions of Turkish workers invading the bloc in search of a better standard of living.

"Weighing Turkey's application is one of the most dramatic decisions we face," said one EEC official.

In the year 2000, Turkey will have 70 million inhabitants. We can't write blank cheques or make throwaway promises. At the same time, we can't throw the Nato alliance into the river. If Turkey is rejected, it could well decide to look the Middle East and turn its back on the West," the EEC official said.

The community has already said it cannot accept new members before it completes the singles, barrier-free market planned for the end of 1992. Neutral Austria applied this summer.

But the whole debate has been reshaped by the upheavals in Eastern Europe and prospects of closer ties there, with EEC Commission President Jacques Delors calling for greater internal consolidation before the bloc expands any further.

Ozdem Sanberk, Turkey's ambassador to the EEC, said that even if Turkey has to wait a decade for entry, it needs assurances now that its bid will ultimately succeed.

"We need a signal for public opinion saying our place is in Western Europe," Sanberk told Reuters.

"Turkey's membership is something for the future but we need to make the necessary political and economic preparations now."

The former empire once dubbed the "Sick Man of Europe" has struggled for most of this century to turn itself into a fully-fledged Western democracy.

Turkey, a secular state with a predominantly Muslim population, has been angling for EEC membership since 1963, when it signed an association pact with the community.

While providing for the removal of several economic barriers, this made it eligible to join without guaranteeing entry. It formally applied for membership in April 1987.

"We see it as our right to expect that the doors be opened to us by our partners and allies with whom we share the same values," Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal said during a visit to Strasbourg in September.

Apparently seeking to prepare public opinion for a disappointing reply, Ozal said in Ankara a few weeks later that continued ties with EEC were more important than setting a date for membership.

A report due to be published in the next few weeks by the EEC's executive commission analyses the economic situation in Turkey and assesses the likely impact of membership.

But its political conclusions are likely to be noncommittal, stressing the community's desire to intensify links, without setting a date for starting negotiations on accession, EEC officials say.

Some independent analysts believe that Turkey's chances of ever joining are slim.

"I cannot see the application succeeding not because people don't like Turkey but because it presents problems peculiar to itself," said Peter Ludlow, director of the Centre for European Policy Studies, a Brussels think-tank.

"There are profound social and cultural issues and there is also the sheer size of Turkey... it would quite seriously undermine the political structure. For instance, Turkish deputies would be a very big block in the European Parliament."

With the exception of Greece, which has said it will block Turkey's application until Turkish troops leave Cyprus, EEC governments have remained politely vague.

"In this whole business there's a lot of hypocrisy. The main issue is Turkish workers circulating freely in Europe," one West German diplomat said.

"In West Germany there is already a strong backlash against Turkish immigration but we cannot openly tell an allied government that we don't want too many of their nationals on our territory."

Although post-war Turkey has succeeded in overcoming three military coups, its standard of living is still well below that of the community's poorest state Portugal.

Turkey's westernised élite argues that EEC membership would accelerate the nation's development, even if this is at a high initial cost to the community, which pumps funds into poorer members to help them catch up. The community in turn could tap Turkey's big market and economic potential.

"Turkey will open up much faster to Europe," said Yasar Apaydin, a university-educated Turk who runs a family business in Belgium.

"The process now is really slow. Many immigrants who arrive in Europe have never even seen a big city before leaving home."

Holding open the door to Turkey has increased the community's influence there. The European Parliament, which has the final say on new EEC members, believes that its frequent criticisms of alleged Turkish human rights abuses have had some effect.

"It is important that we should not block the perspective of entry because it would mean we had no more leverage on the Turkish government," says Pieter Dankert, the Dutch socialist who heads the parliament's delegation to Turkey. (Brussels — Reuter).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1509	Michelangelo paintings on ceiling of Vatican's Sistine Chapel are first exhibited.
1755	Lisbon earthquake kills 60,000.
1765	Stamp Act goes into effect in British colonies, prompting stiff resistance from Americans.
1856	War between Britain and Persia after latter occupies Horak.
1936	Benito Mussolini proclaims Rome-Berlin Axis.
1940	British bombers strike at Naples, Italy, for first time in World War II.
1945	British announce that all evidence indicates that Adolf Hitler has killed himself in a bunker in Berlin.
1952	United States explodes first hydrogen bomb in test at Eniwetok in Marshall Islands.
1956	States Reorganization Act comes into force in India; Jordan disallows use of Royal Air Force bases in operation against Egypt.
1961	Eighty-five people are killed in Nationalist demonstrations in Algeria.
1963	Army coup in South Vietnam, President Ngo Dinh Diem is assassinated.
1971	Dance hall fire in Saint Laurent-du-Point, France, claims 142 lives.
1975	Chinese troops ambush Indian security patrol along India's northern border, kill four men in first fighting flareup in eight years.
1977	Amsterdam police announce release of kidnapped Dutch millionaire Maurits Caransa.
1987	Top leader Deng Xiaoping resigns from governing body of China's Communist Party in effort to allow his reform-minded protégés to consolidate power.
1988	Iran and Iraq hold face-to-face meeting after one-month break in UN-sponsored Gulf peace talks.

Beirut's Shiite suburbs teeming

Forbidden ground to foreigners

BEIRUT'S teeming Shiite suburbs have long been forbidden ground to foreigners. In the period since February 1984 when the Lebanese Army lost control of West Beirut to Islamic militia groups, few dared to set foot there.

Rumours of hostages languishing in basement dungeons somewhere between the neighbourhoods of Bir Al Abed and Ouzai have been enough to dampen the fervour of the most enthusiastic. But now the situation has begun to change.

Behind the shift is Iran's new President, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. He has convened Hezbollah's top leadership at least three times since coming to power, according to moderate Shiite sources in Beirut.

Many of the hardliners in Hezbollah dislike the new tone of Iran's leadership.

Rafsanjani has urged peaceful coexistence between Lebanon's warring factions in addition to sounding a stern condemnation of kidnappings, says one Shiite cleric who was recently in Tehran.

Security sources in West Beirut confirm that Imam Mugniyah, who is reputed to be the chief artisan of the kidnapping of foreigners in the Lebanese capital, is under house arrest in Tehran, as are several of his more zealous surrogates.

No one in Hezbollah, to be sure, has been seized by a sudden warmth of feeling toward the United States, long guilty in the minds of most of coddling Israel, their most hated foe.

"It is the duty of every Muslim to liberate Al Qods (Jerusalem)," according to Zayyad, Hezbollah's district commander in Bir Al Abed.

Drawings of Al Aqsa mosque with a Star of David above it and the words "liberation, a duty," adorn walls throughout the southern suburbs. In addition, there is the slogan "Death to America" and the portrait of a young child crying as Israeli bombs fall on its head.

The stern visage of Ayatollah Khomeini is present on posters throughout the suburbs, overseeing the tangible achievements of his revolution.

Modern high-rise apartment blocks and well-organized social services have improved the lot of Lebanon's once-downtrodden Shiite minority, in part thanks to Iranian money.

Occasional palm trees and old Ottoman buildings with red tile roofs have survived urban sprawl in Bir Al Abed as have sand drifts, blowing in from the nearby Mediterranean.

About 85 per cent of the suburbs are controlled directly or indirectly by Hezbollah, which loosely surveys its turf by placing members in civilian dress to watch over most streets or buildings. Since Syria's demilitarization of the southern suburbs last January, armed Hezbollah checkpoints have disappeared from street corners.

Ahmed, a Hezbollah official with gentle eyes and a soft smile that belies the Kalashnikov rifle by his side, asked matter of fact why people thought of Hezbollah abroad. As if to anticipate the eventual negative response he insists, "We just try to live by the precepts of Islam. It is like we were in (the Iranian religious centre at) Qom here. People are very religious."

Hezbollah has gained popularity as the authentic Islamic resistance movement at the expense of the more Western-oriented Shiite militia Amal.

Amal has been practically evicted from the southern suburbs, although it remains strong in southern Lebanon.

"Amal is a tool of the Syrians," according to Ahmed. "The Syrians don't set foot in Bir Al Abed. And if they do, no one talks to them."

Not everyone is positive about Hezbollah. Mounir, a 19-year-old who also lives in the southern suburbs, is critical. "These people want to send us back to the Middle Ages."

In the streets, a radio can be heard broadcasting the Hezbollah radio station, which plays a liturgy to Imam Musa Sadr, the late Shiite religious leader who disappeared while visiting Libya in 1978. People beat their chests as a sheikh sings the incantation.

The home of Muhammad Hussein Fadlallah, Hezbollah's spiritual guide, is in the Beirut suburb of Har Hreik, just up the road from the ruins of the former Palestinian refugee camp of Burj el Barajneh.

The scenery is lunar: buildings with stories collapsed upon each other and piles of rubble lining the streets.

Sayyid Fadlallah wastes no time in proclaiming his cause. "Violence by the Shiite community in



President Rafsanjani: new tone

Lebanon is a reaction to Israeli violence against it," he complains. "The foreign press call Shias terrorists, but they never stop to condemn the Israelis who slaughter innocent children and civilians every time their planes raid Lebanon. Isn't that a crime?"

With respect to the group's alleged goal of setting up an Islamic republic in Lebanon, Fadlallah is deliberately vague. "Islam solves all of man's problems, so why shouldn't we live by Islam?"

Concerning foreign hostages held by groups associated with Hezbollah, he deflects the question deftly: first denying involvement in the kidnappings, then subtly defending them.

"We are against the taking of hostages which is cruel. But the suffering of the Lebanese people has led to many acts of cruelty on all sides."

It is widely assumed in Beirut that Fadlallah has no direct control over the hostages — whose fate is variously attributed to Sheiks Sobhi Al-Tofeili and Abbas Mussawi. But it is not true, either, that he has no influence in the matter whatsoever.

"Ayoub, a Shiite who lives in the Bekaa Valley town of Baalbeck, now under Hezbollah control,

described Fadlallah's influence in Hezbollah. "He is not a military leader within the group, but when he speaks the faithful listen to him."

Indeed, Fadlallah's Friday sermons at the Imam Reda mosque in Bir Al Abed are the most-attended services at any Beirut mosque. Overflowing crowds fill the streets outside the ornately carved stone building as loudspeakers spread his message.

If many Hezbollah extremists wear the blank look of "true believers" still others blend in easily with the population. Young militiamen resemble their counterparts on both sides of the demarcation line: kids without an education, earning a living the only way they know how.

"The real cause of chaos in Lebanon today," according to one French journalist who used to live in the southern suburbs "is that an entire generation of children has grown up with the urban street warrior as its role model."

"Hezbollah definitely has some legitimate causes," he continues. "But their tactics have gotten them nowhere, if not into the annals of Lebanese terrorism." (Lebanon — CSM)

Defying taboos and sceptics

Women stand for Jordan's parliament

DEFYING taboos and sceptics, 12 women are standing for Jordan's parliament, so far a male preserve, in general elections on Nov 8.

And one of them has run headlong into extraordinary conflict with Muslim conservatives who accused her of apostasy from Islam.

The case, carrying echoes of Iran's death sentence on British author Salman Rushdie for insulting Islam in his novel "The Satanic Verses," shocked many Jordanians proud of the tolerance in their society.

Two men, including a religious official attached to the army, charged women's rights advocate Toujan Al Faisali with atheism and apostasy in a case without precedent in Jordan.

They want an Islamic sharia court, which normally deals with more mundane affairs of marriage, divorce and inheritance, to declare her a legal non-person, dissolve her marriage and grant immunity to anyone shedding her blood.

"Extremists are trying to make an example of me and to hush the voices who contradict them," Faisali told Reuters before a court hearing on Saturday deferred the case until Nov 9.

The Muslim Brotherhood, Jordan's biggest Islamic group, denied organising the Faisali case, which a spokesman said was an attempt to discredit the movement.

But it offered no sympathy for Faisali, former presenter of a television programme on women's issues, who has challenged conservative Muslim views on topics like wife beating and polygamy.

"We don't agree with the case and we don't disagree with it," the spokesman said.

In the fevered campaign atmosphere preceding Jordan's first general election in 22 years, the case turned a spotlight on the social and political status of Jordanian women.

King Hussein said in a pre-election address that religion should not be used for political ends, adding that some Muslim preachers seemed more concerned with the way women dressed than with their role in society and the family.

"But should men sit at home while the women work, especially since they spend all their money on makeup, clothes and hairstyles and do not give money to the family?" he asked.

Hawadeth said the West was trying to corrupt

sexual morals in Jordan "so that when Israel expands it will find a collapsed people with no economic or moral resistance."

Women won the right to vote and to stand for parliament in 1974, but none contested any of the by-elections held since then.

The 12 women candidates see meeting the election challenge as more vital than victory in a country where tribal tradition, religious strictures and sheer prejudice remain strong.

"My basic aim is not to win as much as to raise the level of awareness among women regarding their election rights," said Huda Fakhouri, a Cairo-trained dentist standing as an Arab nationalist in the mainly rural Balqa governorate.

"Women's awareness of their role in the election has not yet matured," said candidate Haifa Al Bashir, head of the General Federation of Jordanian Women. "They have limited means to finance a costly race and little experience in public work."

Bashir said it might be worth reserving some seats for women until their participation in public life was fully accepted. Under present rules, 18 seats are reserved for bedouin and the Christian, Circassian and Shishani minorities.

No organised feminist movement has developed in Jordan and women candidates have not focused only on women's rights.

"We nominated ourselves like any other Jordanian citizens seeking a share in tackling the country's problems," said Janet Al Muflahi, daughter of a former prime minister.

Women form about 12 per cent of the workforce of 550,000. Two have served as cabinet ministers but none has held a top post in the judiciary and few have become senior civil servants.

Women who voted in past by-elections tended to follow their husbands' preferences and many may do so again. Many men see women as second-class citizens unfit for public office.

"I won't vote for a woman no matter how good she is," said Hassan, a British-educated engineer. "We can't take any chances in critical times. We need the right man in the right seat." (Amman — Reuter)

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Victimless crimes in US

THE first victim of violent crime in the US is victimless crime. With all the mayhem that is going on in the streets these days, one can't expect the police to get too excited about a stolen pair of silver candlesticks or a television set.

Vivian Andrews discovered this when the hubcaps were stolen off her Toyota.

Red-faced and steaming mad she marched down to the 85th precinct and declared, "I wish to report a crime."

The sergeant was holding a drug-pusher's head on his desk with one hand while he searched the man's pants with the other. Then he pushed him in the direction of another officer and said to Vivian, "What kind of crime?"

"Someone stole my hubcaps."

MIDEAST

I spied for Israel, Bazoft admits

BAGHDAD, Oct. 31, (Reuters): A British-based journalist confessed on Baghdad Television today that he had spied for Israel.

Fazlal Bazoft, an Iranian living in Britain, was arrested last September while on assignment in Iraq for the British Sunday newspaper *The Observer*.

Hesaid: "In 1983 I got to know some Israeli intelligence officers as friends and in 1987 I was recruited by the Israeli intelligence agents who live in the United Kingdom under different covers."

The *Observer* said last month Bazoft covered elections in Iraq's Kurdish region and then went to the Al Iskandria area south of Baghdad to investigate reports of an explosion.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Algeria quake toll

ALGIERS, Oct. 31, (Reuters): Algeria today revised sharply upwards the number of people wounded in last Sunday's powerful earthquake centred west of the capital.

A new official toll read on Algiers radio kept death unchanged at 23, but put the number of wounded at 746, more than three times higher than earlier estimates.

King holds talks

MUSCAT, Oman, Oct. 31, (AP): British Secretary of State for Defence Tom King held talks here today with Deputy Prime Minister for Security and Defence, Faher Al Saeed, at the start of a two-day visit, his first to the Gulf state.

King is scheduled to see the ruler, Sultan Qaboos, aboard the royal yacht Al Said tomorrow, Western diplomatic sources said.

Philharmonic tour

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct. 31, (Reuters): The Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra will make its tour of Israel next April following the death this year of veteran conductor Herbert von Karajan, barred by Israel because of his Nazi links.

Stefan Schlueter, press spokesman for the West German embassy in Tel Aviv, told Reuters the Philharmonic would give three concerts on its own and a joint benefit performance with the Israel Philharmonic. Exact dates for the tour are yet to be announced.

Re-publication

AMMAN, Oct. 31, (Kuna): Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has affirmed that he will not allow re-publication of the Palestinian paper Al Aouda (*The Return*) which is based in Occupied Jerusalem.

Rabin, answering a query by a Knesset member and reported by Radio Israel, mentioned here today, said that the two press offices run by Dr Sari Nusseibeh and Radhwan Abu Ayash will remain closed.

Iraq accuses Iran

BAGHDAD, Oct. 31, (Reuters): Iraq yesterday accused Iran of violating their Gulf war ceasefire more than 71 times in less than two weeks.

The official Iraqi News Agency INA said Iraq's UN envoy handed Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar a list of what Baghdad termed violations of the August 1988 ceasefire.

Military exercises

CAIRO, Egypt, Oct. 31, (AP): US and Egyptian military forces will hold joint military exercises in Egypt Nov. 11-17, the air force commander said yesterday.

Li Gen. Alaa Barakat said warplanes from his command will participate in the manoeuvres but he refused to give details beyond commenting on the significance of the exercises.

Battle casualties

DIYARBAKIR, Turkey, Oct. 31, (Reuters): Three soldiers and two separatist Kurdish rebels were killed in a gunbattle in southeastern Turkey, officials said yesterday.

The fighting erupted in a rugged area near Lice in Diyarbakir province on Saturday night and continued Sunday.

Kurdish rebels claim

BAGHDAD, Oct. 31, (Reuters): Kurdish rebels claimed they had killed and killed in Iran's Revolutionary Guards division commander who had turned alive Kurdish villagers.

A spokesman for the Kurdish Democratic Party of Iran said its rebels fired at an army car carrying the head of the Nabi-Akrum guards division in northwest Iran, near Paveh town by the border with Iraq, on Oct. 11.

Libya allows probe

MISRATA, Oct. 31, (Reuters): Libyan authorities yesterday allowed an Italian police doctor to examine the body of Roberto Cecato who was killed last week during a wave of anti-Italian feeling in Tripoli, the Italian news agency Agi said.

The agency said doctor Arturo Poerio, accompanied by a senior police official and a forensic expert, arrived in the Libyan capital at the weekend to join an investigation into Cecato's death.

Mengistu stance

ADDIS ABABA, Oct. 31, (Reuters): President Mengistu Haile Mariam took a tough new line against rebels in northern Ethiopia today, saying he would not talk peace until they withdrew from recent advances. He urged Ethiopia's one-party parliament to scrap development projects and so free more resources for the war effort in Tigray province.

Bashir accuses

KHARTOUM, Oct. 31, (Agencies): Sudan's military strongman condemned the Ethiopian government for allowing Sudanese rebels to launch a cross-border assault that forced the army to abandon a town to the rebels. In a speech last night, Gen. Omar Hassan Al Bashir criticised the attack on the post Khatmik as "unjustified ... aggressive".

Shamir may cancel US visit if Bush refuses meeting

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct. 31, (Agencies): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has hinted he might cancel a planned visit to the United States next month if US President George Bush refuses to meet him.

Relations between the Jewish state and its closest ally have been strained in recent weeks over a proposed US formula for Palestinian-Israeli talks which Israel has declined to accept.

Asked if he would make his mid-November visit even if Bush declined to meet him, Shamir told Israel Television yesterday: "It depends."

He said Washington still had not

informed him of a definite time for a meeting with Bush, but told the television he still had not decided to cancel his trip.

The authoritative Israeli newspaper Haaretz reported that Shamir was likely to cancel his trip within a few days if the White House failed to respond to the right-wing leader's request for a meeting.

Earlier yesterday Israeli Vice Premier Shimon Peres accused Shamir's Likud Party of wasting time by avoiding a decision on the five-point formula proposed by US Secretary of State James Baker.

Peres said there was "almost pathetic" quibbling over the terms for the proposed talks with Palestinians in Cairo over elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Shamir and his Foreign Minister Moshe Arens have objected to two of the five points and asked Baker to amend them to give Israel a veto over the Palestinian delegates and to ensure the talks cover only Israel's election proposals.

Contrary to reports of deadlines and imminent showdowns, Baker says he does not expect a "make-or-break" decision on Mideast negotiations while

he is on an eight-day visit to Australia. Baker leaves late today for talks with Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke and also to attend a meeting in Canberra of 12 nations considering the formation of a new economic compact to foster free trade and an open-market system.

As he prepared to depart, Baker said he was reviewing his five-point proposal for Mideast talks at Israel's request. But, he told the Associated Press in an interview: "I don't anticipate we will have definitive answers — either yes or no — before I get back from Australia."

He said Arens may be travelling in Asia during the period, and "we may continue to talk." But, Baker added: "I would guide you off looking for either a make or break on this thing before the trip is over."

Baker's proposal gave Israel assurances it would talk only to a Palestinian delegation it found satisfactory. He also said he was not pressuring Israel to deal with the PLO.

Recent reports from Israel suggest Baker is close to a decision on whether to keep trying. Shamir was quoted last Tuesday as saying there was "no large gap" between the two approaches and

"in a few days we will know if there is an agreement or not."

But Baker disputed his month-long effort was at a critical point.

"I have not put any deadlines down and we will continue to try and work the problem," he said. "But I really don't anticipate it's going to make or break before we get back from Australia."

The exiled Palestine patriarch of occupied Jerusalem has joined Christian patriarchs in Israel in demanding an immediate lifting of siege imposed on the West Bank village of Beit Sahur for more than 40 days now.

Maronite clerics warn of partition



President-elect Turgut Ozal waves to the surrounding deputies as he leaves parliament after the third round of voting. (Reuters wirephoto)

Kabul retakes major highway

KABUL, Oct. 31, (Reuters): Afghan troops wrested back control of the vital Salang highway today after a devastating missile attack on rebels who had closed the road for nine days.

Some 100 trucks carrying food had arrived in the Afghan capital by nightfall today. Many more were expected tomorrow along Kabul's lifeline to the Soviet Union.

Meanwhile Lebanon's Syrian-backed Muslim Prime Minister Salim Hoss appealed to Arab states in an interview to Qatar to daily Al Rayy today to help to rebuild his country.

Hoss said the peace pact agreed by Lebanon's deputies in Taif, Saudi Arabia, last week "opened a new horizon for an impending solution."

He said his endorsement of the accord "was meant to be a step towards achieving a settlement and convening parliament."

■ Amin Gemayel, Lebanon's last president, backed an Arab-brokered peace plan for his country yesterday but objected to Syria's continued military presence.

In his first statement since 58 Lebanese parliamentarians signed the accord in Taif, Saudi Arabia on October 22, Gemayel praised the agreement's provisions for political reforms.

■ Saudi Monarch King Fahd bin Abdul Aziz has called on Lebanese leaders to contain marginal differences that might hurtle the implementation of the Taif reconciliation on national reconciliation.

■ Nick Rahall, the congressman from West Virginia who defied the State Department by going to Beirut, said yesterday he showed people there that America cares and gave a prominent Lebanese leader some down-home political advice.

The government talked to the villagers, saying the road needed to be opened and that he expected them to isolate these men," Amani said.

Villagers complied and then the Scuds were fired, Amani said.

He said Masood had earlier refused government offers of negotiations and denied claims made by the rebels leader that his forces had been attacked by planes flown by Soviet pilots as "baseless."

Prices of flour and fuel have soared in Kabul in recent days as Kabul residents hoarded supplies out of fear of a prolonged rebel blockade.

"God is great," said one Kabul man on hearing the Salang highway had been opened.

None of the trucks to arrive today were carrying flour or fuel oil, however.

Kabul was virtually free of mujahedeen rocket attacks today, after three days of heavy bombardment that left at least 16 civilians dead. Two rockets fell in the capital but no casualties were reported.

The government talked to the

Observation balloons

TUNIS, Oct. 31, (Kuna): In an increased Zionist campaign of aggression against Palestinians, Israeli troops will use observation balloons to supervisie Palestinian refugee camps in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the Tunisian news agency TAP said today.

TAP added that the pilot-less balloons will be equipped with cameras that can transmit live images to Israeli troops headquarters.

The balloons will also replace the need for Israeli soldiers to patrol the densely populated refugee camps, it explained.

Because of the difficulty the Israeli are finding in trying to control the Palestinian uprising, in the refugee camps, that will be two years old next month, they are devising new techniques to help them keep it at a standstill.

The Palestinian uprising "intifada" was a revolt of the Palestinians people against their occupiers who stole their land, jailed the innocent and killed both young and old in order to create an Israel free of Arabs.

An Israeli newspaper reported today the army will soon begin deploying observation balloons equipped with cameras to pinpoint rioting and other anti-Israeli activities stemming from the 22-month Palestinian uprising.

The army spokesman's office declined comment on the reports, which said the unmanned balloons will be floated over refugee camps and other areas and transmit live photos to ground forces.

Shamkhani made navy chief as Khamenei shakes up military

NICOSIA, Oct. 31, (AP): Iran's new navy commander, former Revolutionary Guards minister Ali Saleh Shamkhani, was installed today amid a major shake-up in the upper echelons of the military that began in September.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency reported that Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, attended the ceremony in Tehran as Shamkhani's transfer to the regular forces underlined the unity of the Islamic Republic's defence forces.

Khamenei, who is commander-in-chief of Iran's armed forces, appointed Shamkhani, 34, yesterday to replace Rear Adm. Mohammad-Hussein Malekzadeh, who is in his late 40s.

Shamkhani, an urban guerrilla during the 1979 Islamic revolution and who commanded several successful military operations during the eight-year war with Iraq, was made a rear admiral.

Khamenei told Shamkhani he was promoted because of "your valuable services and great endeavours in the scenes of war and victorious missions, and the sensitive duties in the Islamic

Republic Guards Corps."

Malekzadeh commanded the Iranian Navy for the last three years of the Gulf war before fighting was halted in August 1988 when a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire took effect.

During his tenure, several key Iranian warships were sunk or severely damaged in battles against the US Navy in the Gulf.

Iranian Radio, announcing the move, quoted Khamenei as praising the "great strike" made by the 14,500-man navy under Malekzadeh.

It gave no reason for his abrupt dismissal. But several ranking officers in the navy were arrested earlier this year for spying for the US Central Intelligence Agency.

They and other alleged CIA agents are scheduled to make public confessions Saturday, the 10th anniversary of the storming of the US embassy in Tehran Nov. 4, 1979.

Iraq claimed last Saturday that two Iranian gunboats fired on an Iraqi tug last week in the Gulf, killing a crewman. Malekzadeh, who was conducting naval exercises in the waterway

at the time, denied Baghdad's allegation.

Iraq said today Malekzadeh has been appointed an adviser to Khamenei, a move seen as a demotion.

He is the highest-ranking officer to lose his post in the shake-up launched by Khamenei, the ally of President Hashemi Rafsanjani, amid a major rearmament programme following the Gulf war ceasefire.

Khamenei made major changes in late September in the command of the 350,000-strong Revolutionary Guards Corps under Mohsen Rezaie, who has been the force's military chief since June 1982.

He also appointed Hassan Firouzabadi, 38, deputy chief of the armed forces headquarters, as army chief of staff Sept. 28 and named Brig. Gen. Ali Hashemi chief of the joint staff of the armed forces.

The shuffle followed the merger of the Revolutionary Guards Ministry and the Defence Ministry, which oversees Iran's regular forces, earlier this year to streamline the military chain of command.

EVENTS



Some of the art on show



Jewellery, women's favourite.



An interesting piece..



Patchwork, quilts and wall-hangers.

Charity Tea Party

Last Monday, Kuwait Association for Children in Hospital (KACH) held a charitable tea party with all funds going to the consistently developing hospital project.

The charity put art work to sale at Dr Hilal Al Sayer's residence in

Yarmouk.

KACH still requires volunteers, who are needed to help in a variety of ways: to draw pictures and murals on the walls of the wards; to make mobiles, soft toys and educational materials; to sort and maintain

donated toys; to work on the wards with the children; to solicit support and assistance from other people in the community.

For further information contact: Margaret Al Sayer, 5337571.

ARTS

Islamic Art

A SIX week — 12 lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in English at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyah on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 10.00 - 12.00 noon. October 29 through December 5, 1989.

An eight week — eight lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in Arabic at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyah on Monday afternoons from 4.00-6.00 pm from October 30 through December 19, 1989.

To register for either of these courses please sign up at the Dar Al Athar during museum hours 8.30 am - 12.30 pm.

Sultan Gallery

A COLLECTION of abstract art by Saudi Arabian artist Faisal Samra is on show at the Sultan Gallery. Samra, who experiments with space and form, is exhibiting for the second time in Kuwait. His first exhibition was in 1987. The show is open Saturday to Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, until Nov 15.

Hobby centre

New Courses in Jewellery making and design for adults. For children there is Pottery starting next month for 6 weeks. Tel: 5618847, 5317354.

SOCIAL

Pianist wanted

KUWAIT Little Theatre — Ahmadi urgently require a pianist to help with their pantomime rehearsals and performances. Anyone interested, please call S. Prescott on 3725960 after 3 pm.

Navalim Youth Centre

NOV 16: An annual get-together nite with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom — Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex — 2426334, Mr Marian — 2416945.

Star Nite DEC 21: Star Nite Stepping Stones have stepped in and with Perfect Strangers it's going to be a nite to Celebrate Yuleide. Fun fare for children and variety programmes for others starting from 5-8.30 pm and goes on from 9 pm until sumptuous buffet mid-night. A galore of prizes with Hamper lucky draws under 555 sponsorship in with Shop No. 34 ex New Super Market and contact Tel. 5331940, 2413706 Res.

Magic show NOV 9, 10: Expatriate Club will organise the first magic show in Kuwait. Internation-

Rock 'n' roll

NOV 22: Spend a night of nostalgia with music from 1955-1965 provided by "High Spirits" at Messilah Beach Hotel. Fulfil your fantasy and dress as your favourite star of the era or just dress up. Also B.B.Q. and prizes. For details please contact 5624111 ext. 711, 712 or 705.

British Council

THE Chain: Sat 4 and Sun, Nov. 5, 6.30 pm - 100 min. Across the length and breadth of London, seven groups of people, all variously tainted with the seven deadly sins — are caught up in the 'chain' of moving houses. The humour of the film is very entertaining. The interesting tour we are given of the less well-known parts of London and the humorous insights into the technicalities of moving house, are an added bonus. Screenplay by John Rosenthal and directed by Jack Gold.

Musical variety

A MUSICAL variety with lots of fun and prizes is to be held on Nov 2 at 9.00 pm in Jabiya, Block 8, Street 10, House 94.

Limited number of cards are still available for families. Please contact, secretary, Hamed Mahmoud, public relations, Tel. No. 4716258.

Post's Seminar

KERALA Writers' and Readers' Forum is arranging a poet's seminar at the Indian embassy auditorium on Friday evening at 5.30 pm on 3-11-89. In the seminar a collection of English poems, in the name a book "Mother" written by Sunita Warrier will be released by the first secretary of Indian embassy Abdul Khaliq. The seminar will be concluded by recitation of number of poems both in English and Malayalam.

All are welcome.

Narthana

AS a part of the Nehru Centenary year celebrations "Narthana" stages "Anarkali" ballet at IAC hall on Nov. 9. The popular historical story took place in the year 1600 will be staged with the real Mughal Muslim costumes and style. Admission restricted with passes which are available at Tel: 4337608/2425131/3904817/24-61589/5643126.

Bob Marley Night

NOV 9: A tribute to the king of reggae will be held at the Bneid Al Gar Sea Club Open Air Auditorium on Thursday, November 9, 1989 from 8 to 10.30 pm.

Steve Michael the lead vocal

ist will perform 20 Marley favourites. Some of the songs will be heard live in Kuwait for the first time. He will be backed

by the Reggae Connection.

Tickets priced at KD3 are available on sale at the Bneid Al Gar Sea Club — Tel: 253088; Shaab Sea Club — Tel: 5640205; Bida Sea Club — Tel: 5731477 and Swan Lake recordings Tel: 5721030.

The concert, a repeat of the show held last November at the SAS Tent, is being arranged and presented by Phil Danielle and is open to all — families and singles.

Bharathi Mele '89

A DAY of fun and enjoyment on November 3, 1989, at Indian Embassy Hall, with lots of games for children as well as adults from 9.00 am to 2.30 pm. For details, please contact Tel: 4898891 or 3920820 or 5612114 or 5627718 or 3726821 or 2465712.

Bazaar

NOVEMBER 2, 1989 at the Kuwait International Hotel in the Safat Room from 10 am to 6 pm. Come along and buy handicrafts from all over the world. Tents, Al Assef Gifts (SAS Hotel) and The Art Shoppe (Salmya) will be there. Raffle and Door Prizes. Everyone welcome.

Canadian Women's League

NOV. 4: The Canadian Women's League will meet at 4 pm for their monthly meeting. New ladies welcome. Maps available at the Embassy or call 371 8678 for details.

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House guest

LEADING British theatrical group The Cafe Theatre will be staging Francis Durbridge's House Guest at the Kuwait International Hotel on November 1st in the Grand Ballroom at 8.00 pm. Tickets available at Reception at 2530000/8040. The group will also hold workshops with local acting groups. Informal discussions will be encouraged and emphasis will be on improvisation, voice training and movement. Interested groups to contact Public Relations or the Sales Department.

Tribute to Hermant Kumar

IN fond remembrance of Hermant Kumar Indian Arts Circle in association with Bengal Cultural Society is arranging a musical evening at the IAC auditorium on 16th November '89 at 8 pm.

Entry passes are available

from IAC office at Fumaites. For further details please contact 5621379, 3910806, 2044863 and 3904817 (IAC office).

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ist will perform 20 Marley favourites. Some of the songs will be heard live in Kuwait for the first time. He will be backed

Tug-of-war

THE organising committee of the United Goans Centre announces their second annual tug-of-war competition to be held on November 10, 1989 at Sour grounds from 7.30 onwards and it is open to all expatriates. Attractive prizes for finalists. For entries please contact: Tony Gonsalves Tel. 2612024 & Moses Menezes Tel. 2427179.

Konkani drama

Sponsored by the new G.O.A., Goa's ace dramatist M. Boyer will present 'Chintam Zallin Sopnam' a Konkani drama at the Indian Arts Circle on the 2nd and 3rd of November 1989. The artists, all coming from Goa, will include Jacinto Vaz, Remy Colaco, Betty Naz and others. Tickets are available at Canary Video (Sharg) and Video Clock (near GPO).

Bengali dance drama

The Bengali musical play "Nakshi Kathar Maath" (The Field of the Embroidered Quilt) by famous Bangladeshi poet Jashimuddin will be staged at the Starlight Theatre, Doha Entertainment City, on Nov 2 and 3. For details please contact Tel. 4893424, 4744490, 4315759, 3173923, 2466562.

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Al Joude Pharmacy, Tunis Street

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Qurtoba Pharmacy, Salem Al Mubarak Street
Al Farwaniya
Safat Pharmacy, Makkah Street

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

More aid needed for Third World

Rich countries told

WASHINGTON, Oct 31, (AP): A week-long meeting on growing better crops throughout the world opened yesterday with a warning from a top US expert that more must be done to relieve poverty in the Third World if the environment there is to be improved for the benefit of the whole globe.

In rich countries environmental problems are basically the result of wealth, said John Mellor, head of the International Food Policy Research Institute.

"To cut down pollution here in Washington, maybe we could use our cars a little less — that's not a matter of life and death," he added. "Bangladesh, people may have to use unsuitable land to grow more food or they die."

He said much of the damage to the environment in the Third World, such as the destruction of tropical forest and the turning of grassland into desert, is caused by the need of poor people to grow more food. He estimated that about 10 per cent of the cutting of forest was due to commercial logging, such as Japanese logging in Indonesia, but about 60 per cent by poor farmers who want more land for subsistence crops.

He added that the other 30 per cent of natural forest is cut to be replaced with rubber, mangoes or other "unnatural" trees, so that 90 per cent of the destruction is done by poor people trying to raise their living standards. He said more research is needed to determine how much more valuable are the original trees for the global environment than are the commercial trees.

The institute is a private study group. Mellor was formerly chief economist of the US Agency for International Development.

Iraq signs contract

BAGHDAD, Oct 31, (AP): Iraq has signed a contract with two Dutch companies to dredge the main routes to its southern ports of Um Qasr and Khour Al Zubair, a Ministry of Transport and Communications spokesman said.

The spokesman said the 14 million Iraqi dinar (\$42 million) contract included lifting more than 25 million cubic tons of silt from the marine shipping channels of Khour Abdullah, Khour Al Zubair and Um Qasr.

The contract was signed by Minister of Transport Mohammad Hamza and the directors general of the two companies.

The name of the two companies and date of signing were not disclosed.

The project, expected to be completed within 8 months, will allow larger ships with a 12-metre draft to enter the Iraqi ports of Um Qasr and Khour Al Zubair.

Single European market will be a challenge to Gulf: Salem

By M.C. Bose
Business editor

SHEIKH Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah, Governor of Kuwait's Central Bank, has said the single European market and its expected completion by the end of 1992, will be a challenge not only for Europe but also for the rest of the world, including the member states of the Gulf Co-operation Council, such as Kuwait.

Sheikh Salem in his opening speech at a seminar on the single European market from a German and Swiss perspective, said Kuwait is exporting more than 30 per cent of its goods to EEC countries. Our imports have a similar structure in relation to Europe, in particular the EEC countries and Switzerland. That simple proportion clearly shows the importance of the implications of the Single European Market for us.

The seminar was jointly organised by DG Bank, Frankfurt am Main, D.G. Bank (Switzerland) and Atsummar Economic and Consultations, Kuwait.

Sheikh Salem said: "In addition, the Kuwaiti public and private sectors have, over the last two decades, formed an important source of investment funds and capital to the EEC and Switzerland. All of you probably are aware of the role Kuwait has played as investor in Europe. In the seventies and beginning eighties our region had supplied some of the funds that enabled the international financial markets to grow. Considerable investments have been undertaken by our authorities and citizens, even during times of political and economic uncertainty in Europe. Overall, we are partners of some importance and we have faith in our European counterparts."

"Now we fear that this trust is endangered through developments initiated by the EEC. We are worried about the possibility



Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah addresses the seminar.

of protectionism after the completion of the Single Market. In the banking field, which I am most familiar with, the so-called "Second Council Directive on Banking" could be mentioned as an example. Under a strict interpretation this proposal of the EEC Commission which was adopted by the Council of Ministers in July 1989 as a temporarily common position, could easily be used to restrict free banking and branching between the EEC and third countries," the governor said.

In order to achieve a free financial market three prerequisites have to be met: freedom of capital movement, the right to sell financial services across the borders, and complete freedom in the setting up of branches and subsidiaries for the suppliers of those services. The proposals of the EEC commission on the Single Banking Market adhere to the familiar concept of universal banking, which allows full-service banks.

As of 1993, all EEC credit institutions will be able to offer cross-border services throughout the EEC. Moreover, branching out will be greatly facilitated. The licensing of a bank in one EEC country will imply the right to establish offices in all other member states and, in principle, under the same conditions as in the country of origin (single licence approach). Applying the principle of mutual recognition of rules and standards, foreign branch operations will be regulated and supervised only by the authorities of the parent bank's country.

Third country banks, in the terms of the commission's proposal, will also profit from this simplification, if they are already represented by a subsidiary (a branch will not be sufficient) in any one of the twelve EEC member countries.

After 1992 access to the banking market for new applicants will be granted under the conditions of reciprocity only, a problem we in this region have to face. This whole specific issue is not yet clear to us, and we hope our European friends here can



Some of those who attended the seminar at Kuwait Sheraton.

shed some light on it." In order to prevent competitive distortions among the banks in Europe, it is planned by the EEC-authorities to combine the opening up of markets with a certain degree of harmonization of bank law in order to establish a "level playing ground" for all banks.

The most important step here is to standardize minimum requirements for a bank's capitalization, i.e. the ratio of equity to risk-weighted assets, and to agree on a common definition of bank capital.

On the latter task, discussions and co-ordination have taken place also on the level of the Group of Ten industrial countries and at the conferences held by international banking supervisors.

Sheikh Salem said: "I must mention here that in the field of the capitalization of the banks, the position of our banks is comfortable by international standards. But we have expressed concern about the discrimination against Kuwait and the

other GCC-countries in the so-called "country risk approach" of the proposed capital adequacy regulations. That approach assigns a higher risk rating for bank claims on customers outside the EEC and some other industrialized nations."

Now, according to statistics published by the Bank for International Settlements, the size of funding of the international banks by the GCC-countries is 3 times higher than our borrowing level.

"In comparison, among the industrialized countries assets and liabilities balance each other more or less. Therefore, I do not believe that the discriminatory risk rating for our region is justified in economic terms," he added.

Another most important area of concern is the protection of investments. The present legal system in some EEC-countries is not adequate to establish full confidence in the protection of the investors' rights. Some prominent examples of the past have shown the difficulties and

uncertainties involved, especially when claims are filed by other third countries.

Talking about the impact of the Single Market on nations outside the EEC, Sheikh Salem said impact will, naturally, depend to a large extent on the EEC's future trade policy and its policy in relation to free capital movements. Essentially, everything revolves around the question whether the establishment of the unified market will lead to the strengthening of external EEC trade barriers effectively as compensation for increasing competition in Europe's internal market or whether the process will result in further liberalization of foreign commercial policy.

Unfortunately, the question of trade relations with non-EEC countries after 1992 has remained unanswered so far. The 1985 White Book that the EEC Commission has published on the single market does not cover the implications for foreign trade policy. This uncertainty has given rise to anxieties about pan-

European protectionism, about Fortress Europe.

"I do hope that such fears are premature. I further hope that many EEC members will continue to be very much interested in maintaining an open market to the outside. I do believe that the liberal approach will succeed. In the co-operation agreement between the Gulf Co-operation Council and the EEC, signed in June last year, it was stated that in a future trade agreement the parties would commit themselves to solutions wholly compatible with the GATT rules. Strict obedience to the GATT rules applies for EEC trade policy in general. Indeed, trade in most sectors, goods as well financial services, will hopefully not be adversely affected by the Single Market," he said.

"We have also been following with interest developments toward monetary integration in Europe. We know the more advanced stages of the European Monetary Union (EMU) are a long way into the future.

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Sheikh Salem said: "Our host for today, the Deutsche Genossenschaftsbank, Frankfurt, and especially her offshoot, DG Bank-Switzerland, is a well-known partner to us. The DG Bank is the central commercial bank of the co-operative sector and represents a very prominent part of the German banking system.

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North Sea oil output set to hit two-year high in '90

Soviets may cut oil exports

LONDON, Oct 31, (Reuter): North Sea oil output is likely to hit two-year highs around 3.85 million barrels per day (bpd) early next year as British production recovers from accidents and shutdowns, a Reuter survey showed today.

Barring unforeseen mishaps, Britain is set to continue its bounce back from 10-year lows of 1.33 million bpd in June and to reach 2.3 million bpd by early 1990.

Norway's government sees flows close to the present 1.55 million bpd for the rest of 1989 and the first half of 1990.

North Sea output has not

exceeded an average 3.8 million bpd since April 1988.

"You should see British output over two million bpd in the fourth quarter of this year, increasing to 2.3 million in the first half of 1990," said Jim Henderson, oil analyst at London stockbrokers Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

British average daily output in September was estimated by London broker James Capel and Co. at just under two million bpd.

It has been rising steadily as fields knocked out or shut in by accidents between July 1988 and last May gradually come back.

Provided Brent Charlie and

Cormorant Alpha do come back as planned, Britain will have reached a near-term production plateau by the first part of next year, analysts say. No new oil-fields will start up in the rest of 1989 or early 1990.

Analysts in Norway believe the curbs will probably stay but any policy change could have a significant impact on production.

Meanwhile, the Soviet government today suggested cutting oil exports by 3.8 million tons or roughly 76,000 barrels a day in 1990 so that oil could be used domestically.

LONDON, Oct 31, (Reuter): The dollar firmed in quiet and featureless trading today as new data reaffirmed that the US economy was growing only at a modest pace.

The US government announced a 0.2 per cent increase for September in the index of leading indicators, confirming other recent data showing slow growth in the American economy and weakness in the manufacturing sector.

The rise in Washington's main barometer of future economic trends was in line with expectations. Economists said it would be unlikely to persuade the US Central Bank, the Federal Reserve, to bow to pressure to alter interest rates.

"I don't think this will sway the Fed," said economist Michael Tindall of Discount Corp of New York.

Analysts immediately began looking ahead to the publication on Friday of US employment data for October to judge whether America's economy will continue to weaken, failing to match the 2.5 per cent rate reported last week in the third quarter.

Today's figures cause barely a ripple in stagnant currency markets and the dollar traded steadily but sluggishly within narrow ranges.

It ended in London at 1.8405 West German marks and 142.60 yen, compared with 1.8377 and 142.15 at Monday's close.

The pound, volatile since Nigel Lawson resigned last Thursday as Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, also calmed down as dealers awaited the first major public

Second bilateral deal

Jordan signs debt rescheduling pact

AMMAN, Oct 31, (Reuter): Jordan signed a debt rescheduling accord with the United States today, the second bilateral deal reached under Amman's agreement with the Paris Club of official creditors.

The state-run news agency Petra said the accord covered payments on loans due in 1989 and 1990.

It did not say how much money was involved, but Central Bank figures show Jordan's government and government-guaranteed loans from the United States stood at 128 million dinars (\$203 million) at the end of 1988. The figure excludes military debt.

Petra said Washington had agreed to reschedule all unpaid interest due before June 30 this year and half the interest due between July 1 and the end of 1989.

The rescheduling will be spread over 10 years from 1990 with a five-year grace period in which only interest will be paid.

The agency said the agreement with Washington would serve as a model for agreements with Jordan's other official creditors.

Jordan, with a foreign debt of about \$8 billion, signed a rescheduling accord with the Paris club in July.

It reached a provisional agreement with the London Club of commercial bank creditors in September to reschedule debts totalling \$575 million, but banking sources say Amman is holding out for better terms and has delayed signing.

The sources say Jordan wants to reduce the interest rate on rescheduled debt to 5/8 per cent above the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate (Libor) instead of the 13/16 per cent previously agreed with a committee representing the banks.

Finance Minister Basel Jardaneh has said Amman also wants the banks to release undistributed parts of committed loans.

US leading indicators up

Consumer confidence surges

WASHINGTON, Oct 31, (UPI): The Commerce Department reported today that its gauge of future economic activity in the United States rose 0.2 per cent in September, the second consecutive monthly increase and a sign that the economy is not heading for a recession.

The modest jump in the index of leading indicators, intended to predict economic performance six to nine months in advance, follows a healthy gain of 0.5 per cent in August. A surge in consumer confidence was the primary reason for the September increase, helping to offset declines in seven of the 11 economic indicators that make up the index.

Consumers have been a bright spot for the economy this year.



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Reforms bite

Pravda warns of greater job losses

TOKYO, Oct 31, (Reuters): A Japanese property company said today it will take control of Rockefeller Centre, New York's famed business and entertainment complex, a move analysts predicted could fan fears Japan is buying up America.

Mitsubishi Estate said it would pay \$846 million to one of America's top business dynasties for a 51 per cent stake in the Rockefeller Group.

Japanese government officials aware that the acquisition could spark resentment of Japan in the United States, moved quickly to defend and explain it.

"It gives no problem as long as the deal is made on the basis of an agreement by both parties," Finance Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto told a news conference.

"This kind of transaction is normal economic activity," Foreign Ministry spokesman Taiso Watanabe told foreign journalists. "I do not think it will be a disturbing factor in the long-term US-Japan relations."

"We are not unduly worried," Stock analysis said perhaps

they should be.

"It will make great headlines, the Japanese buying the Rainbow Room," said Tom Hill, property analyst at Broker S.G. Warburg. "I would have thought they're risking some adverse reaction."

The Rainbow Room Nightclub, a celebrity hangout in the past, stands at the top of one of the buildings that make up Rockefeller Centre.

The centre houses the

headquarters of the Associated Press news agency and the NBC television network.

A skating rink amid the half-century-old buildings has been a lure for tourists since the centre opened during the great depression.

A string of Japanese acquisitions in the United States, including Sony's planned takeover of Columbia Pictures, has sparked calls among some US lawmakers from curbs on foreign investment in America.

"This is high-profile and on top of the Sony and Columbia deal and there are bound to be political problems," said James Doherty, an analyst at broker

Mitsubishi Estate will take over the group by buying 627,000 shares from various members of the Rockefeller Family Trust.

"Our agreement with Mitsubishi Estate preserves the abiding commitment to Rockefeller Centre and New York City which my father made more than 50 years ago," David Rockefeller, chairman of the Rockefeller Group, said in a statement.

Raymond F. Pettit, senior vice-president of the Rockefeller Group, said Mitsubishi's investment is different from that of Sony. This investment is a partnership, he told a news conference.

He said the Rockefeller Group

chose the Japanese company over some of its US rivals and plans to use the proceeds of the sale to diversify its holdings.

"If it is not an ... adversary

takeover, I am not so worried," Foreign Ministry spokesman Watanabe said.

He said the government was informed of Mitsubishi Estate's decision to take control of Rockefeller Centre, but not consulted about it.

While acknowledging that Japanese acquisitions in the United States have picked up considerably recently, Watanabe said it was too soon for the government to intervene.

Japanese companies though may have to try harder to explain the benefits of such moves to the American public, including possible increased employment in the United States, he said.

Mitsubishi Estate officials

said it might increase its stake in the Rockefeller Group in the future.

It will send executives to Rockefeller's board, but for the time being the current management will stay in place, they added.

Sudan has foreign debt of nearly \$14b

Sweeping economic changes proposed

KHARTOUM, Oct 31, (Reuters): Sudan's military leader has proposed sweeping economic changes which diplomats said today were likely to bring reforms demanded for years by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The country needs a flexible system of manpower redistribution, under which people would not lose social benefits for changing job or place of residence or under which people would make up for a temporary loss later," Pravda said.

It called for a special employment fund to finance job placement and training programmes.

The article said there was no lack of job vacancies in the country as a whole, but many available jobs were either considered undesirable or were at distant construction sites.

General Omar Hassan Al

Bashir called on a conference on Monday to review the performance of state-owned ventures,

the contribution made by banking to the nation's development and the effect of subsidies on the economy.

The general, who seized control of Africa's largest country in June, demanded realism from the more than 800 delegates and said: "We don't want discussions in a cold language and figures."

Western and Arab diplomats said his suggestions were in line with reforms repeatedly demanded from successive Khartoum

governments by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and other creditors.

They said they expected the 23-day conference to be used as a forum by the military government to pass the reforms.

Delegates were likely to suggest reforms in the foreign exchange system, state subsidies on basic consumer goods and ways to streamline loss-making state enterprises, the diplomats said.

Bashir's government last month slashed subsidies on bread and promised similar measures with other basic items.

Sudan's armed forces daily newspaper quoted a source in the military leadership's economic committee as saying the meeting would discuss increases in direct and indirect taxation, cuts in spending and the possible

introduction of fees for education and health services.

A civil war raging against southern rebels since 1983 has battered the economy, forced three million southern Sudanese to flee their homes and caused the death of some 250,000 people, mostly by hunger and disease last year alone.

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It is bad news when a military government meets defeat in the battlefield. It is very ominous," said one Arab diplomat.

The fall of the border town was the first major defeat of the army at the hands of the SPLA since the junta seized power.

Fossil fuel pollution worries scientists

Coal continues to be the worst offender

LONDON, Oct 31, (Reuters): The West's efforts to cut pollution and check global warming could be torpedoed by a sharp rise in coal burning in the developing world, energy researchers say.

Rapid industrialisation in the Third World is being fuelled by ever-increasing amounts of natural gas, oil and above all coal — the dirtiest fossil fuel but also the most abundant.

Industry statistics indicate that world coal reserves will last more than 200 years at present rates of consumption, but scientists are more concerned about the life expectancy of the planet itself if fossil fuel pollution continues unchanged.

Some believe that in as little as 50 years the earth's climate could be permanently and disastrously thrown off balance by pollution from fossil fuel burning.

"Coal continues to be the worst offender from an environmental point of view," United Nations Environment Programme director Jacqueline Alois de Larderel told a recent coal conference in London.

"While precise estimates are difficult to calculate, carbon dioxide emissions could exceed 10 billion tonnes per year by 2020, based on current emission rates. Coal burning could account for over four billion tonnes per year."

The effects of the world's climate of pollution on that scale were likely to be dramatic, she said.

Rich farming areas could turn to desert, freak storms could lash coasts and sea levels could rise to inundate entire nations, making up to 50 million people homeless and creating a new class of "environmental refugees."

Coal's poor environmental reputation is based on the fact that it gives off 25 per cent more carbon dioxide

pollution than oil per unit of energy produced and also produces sulphur dioxide — the cause of acid rain which kills trees and rots buildings.

Coal mines also leak significant quantities of methane into the atmosphere. Methane is a "greenhouse gas" 30 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

Mick Kelly, a senior research associate at Britain's University of East Anglia, believes the world is at a threshold in its use of fossil fuels.

If present trends in fossil fuel consumption, the use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and deforestation continue, the world's temperature will rise four to five degrees centigrade by 2030, he says.

This would trigger a climatic upheaval similar to the one which ended the Ice Age but in decades rather than millennia.

China, the world's leading coal producer and consumer, expects to increase its energy use nine-fold by 2030, according to Alois de Larderel.

The levels of coal use predicted for India and China could have a very dramatic environmental impact indeed," Jan Veron, head of the environment group at IEA Coal Research, an offshoot of the International Energy Agency, said.

A ninefold increase in Chinese coal burning would double world coal consumption and increase the contribution to global warming by 25 per cent, she said.

"If developing countries keep to the sort of forecasts for coal consumption now being bandied about, they would negate any effort by Western nations to control emissions of greenhouse gases."

Gulf Air signs Airbus deal

BAHRAYN, Oct 31, (Reuters): Bahrain-based Gulf Air said today it had signed a \$500-million contract with the European consortium Airbus Industrie to buy 12 new aircraft.

A Gulf Air spokesman said the deal, part of the regional carrier's five-year plan to purchase 18 new aircraft costing \$1 billion was signed in Toulouse, France, on Saturday.

Gulf Air would take delivery of the 12 Airbus A-320s between 1992 and 1994, he said. It had also taken options on six Airbus, but had not yet decided on the type of engine.

Airline officials would go to Tokyo on November 4 to seek loans from Japanese banks to help to finance the deal, he said.

Gulf Air said early in October it planned to finalise a \$400-million syndicated loan in 1990 to buy six Boeing 767s and 300s.

The airline is owned by the governments of Bahrain, Oman and Qatar and the emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Emirates Airlines of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates said last week it would buy four Airbus as part of its plan to double cargo and passenger capacity by mid-1991.

GCC likely to set up common market

Riyadh, Oct 31, (Kuwait): The Gulf Co-operation Council will consider setting up of a common market among its six member states, says GCC assistant secretary-general for economic affairs Abdalla Al Guwai.

Speaking to Kuwait, one month ahead of the GCC summit due to take place in the Omani capital of Oman, Guwai said the council's leaders would discuss, among other issues, economic process to pave the way for the establishment of a Gulf common market and evaluation of ongoing negotiations between the GCC member states and their major trade partners.

He said issues to be tabled for discussion at the summit would include legalisation of exempting national products from customs fees, unification of customs fees on foreign goods and an overall briefening of work in the economic sector.

Goods

Guwai said the GCC member states had embarked on unifying specifications of domestic and imported goods with the aim of protecting the consumer and facilitating dealing with foreign producers.

Bombay shares

Bombay Stock Exchange prices (Rs) Oct 31.	Indrol	247.50	245.50	240
Pr.Close	Open	Close	High	Low
ACC 307	307	306	306	306
AIC Chem	—	—	—	—
Alfa Laval	—	—	—	—
Act Fib	—	—	—	—
Ashok Ley	87.50	87	87	87
Asia Paint	210	205	205	205
Atlas Cop	50	48	49	49
Auto Corp	73.50	73	74	74
Nat Index	396.07	397.72	397.72	397.72
Bajaj Auto	345	335	337.50	337.50
Bata	797.50	790	790	790
Bawali Plast	—	—	—	—
Bear Dye	129.50	129	127	127
BK Bond	96.50	96	96	96
Burr Wel	100	87.50	90	90
Canshare	—	—	—	—
Can Enka	3150	3250	3225	3225
Index for 26/10*				
Cen Spg	2420	2390	2410	2410
Colgate	193.75	188.75	188.75	188.75
Cromt Gr	—	—	—	—
Dabur	13	12	13	13
Deep Fert	30	29.50	30	29.50
Dunlop	72	70	70	70
EI Hotels	63	63.50	63	63
Escorts	78	76	77.50	77.50
BSE index	755.58	755.79	755.79	755.79
Estate	115	115	117.50	117.50
Estar Spg	23	22.75	22.75	22.75
Food Spd	112.50	108.75	110	110
Gen Elec	50	48	49	49
Gen Poly	61	58	59	59
Glinida	104.50	100	102	102
GNFC	34	33	33.50	33.50
Gruzin	108	109	110	110
Index for 27/10*				
GE Step	47.25	46.25	46	46
GSFC	178.75	173.75	175	175
Guy Aldi	73.50	72.50	73	73
Harmo Hld	10	10	11	11
Harmo Clns	1010	1000	990	990
Hind Lever	111.50	106	108.50	108.50
Hind Caca	135	130	132.50	132.50
Hind Motor	24.75	24.50	24.75	24.75
Hindustan	287.50	285	280	280
Hoechst	1360	1360	1365	1365
Ingersoll	405	395	405	405
ITC				

Militancy growing against huge dam projects

Development scheme may force Harsud residents to move

BABUL AGARWAL'S family came to this sleepy, dirt-street town in central India three generations ago. Today, Agarwal, who runs a shack stand on the town's main street, and his son, Surender Kumar, a cloth merchant, know their days in Harsud may be numbered.

Under a massive development scheme for the Narmada River five miles away, Harsud could be completely submerged and its 1,000 residents forced to move.

At a huge, recent protest rally here, the two businessmen joined the growing chorus of outrage over the planned \$4 billion Sardar Sarovar dam. It will displace 70,000 people in all.

"No one wants to leave his home, but if we are forced to leave, the government must give adequate compensation," Kumar said.

The Narmada controversy reflects a growing militancy against huge dam projects, which have long been a part of anti-poverty schemes.

After India's independence from Britain in 1947, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru spearheaded dam construction, calling them

"temples of development." Today, the government of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, Nehru's grandson, still considers large dams as the best answer for drought-plagued and power-short areas.

Officials say harnessing the 800-mile-Narmada could transform deserts in Gujarat and Rajasthan states into lush agricultural lands and improve the lives of needy Indians in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra states.

The Sardar Sarovar project would be the largest in the Narmada Basin Plan. It calls for constructing 30 large, 135 medium, and more than 3,000 small dams on the river and its tributaries. It is India's largest development scheme ever and one of the biggest in the Third World.

The World Bank, which is providing \$450 million for the Sardar Sarovar dam, agrees that big dams creating large reservoirs are needed in this semi-arid country. Most rainfall comes in the four summer monsoon months.

"The problems are mind-boggling. To satisfy the water needs of this country, you need large surface storage. There's no alternative,"

says Jerry Fauss, the World Bank official in charge of the project in New Delhi.

However, disillusionment with the project is spreading in the valley of the Narmada, a river considered by India's Hindu majority as most sacred — holier even than the Ganges.

The Sardar Sarovar dam would create the world's largest man-made lake, flooding tens of thousands of acres, eliminating forests, and submerging many religious shrines visited regularly by pilgrims.

The state of Gujarat, devastated by the century's worst drought in recent years, stands to gain the most from the project.

A lengthy and intricate canal network would carry water to more than half of the state's 19 districts. State officials tout the project as "Gujarat's lifeline."

However, in neighbouring Madhya Pradesh, where most of those that would be relocated now live, and elsewhere in India, predictions are growing of a major ecological calamity.

An army of environmentalists, scientists, and activists united against the project say

that Gujarat and central government officials rammed through the project by overplaying the benefits and ignoring environmental warnings.

Two years ago, after almost a 40-year debate on the project, Rajiv's government gave the go-ahead. It turned aside predictions that the Sardar Sarovar and another large dam would involve an environmental cost of some \$24 billion, and that the project would put tremendous financial strains on the states.

"Here is a project that is an environmental, social, and cultural disaster in the making," says Smriti Kothari, a New Delhi social activist opposing the dam.

While ecologists admit that river development is key for this desperately poor region of India, the opposition has largely coalesced around government handling of the resettlement question.

Opponents say medium-sized dams and other irrigation techniques could ease the need for big dams. Most of those to be displaced, who now reside in Madhya Pradesh, have been given the choice of staying in their

home state or moving to Gujarat.

However, environmentalists say it's unclear where the land will come from to replace the farms of many displaced.

From the many tribal people living along the river, there is no choice about leaving their homes.

"The tribal people here say they won't move to Gujarat because they would be considered inferior, their language is different, and their daughters couldn't be married," says Mehta Patkar, a Bombay social worker who has been working with tribes living along the river for years.

Endless delays by state officials in informing those to be displaced of their options has created a deep bitterness among many. Supporters of the dam say the resettlement package could come to about \$15,000 per family, the best compensation package ever seen in India.

Earlier this year, dismayed by the slow progress and the growing opposition, the World Bank put pressure on the central and state governments to speed up the resettlement process. Satisfied with the steps taken, the bank this summer extended its assistance for another year.

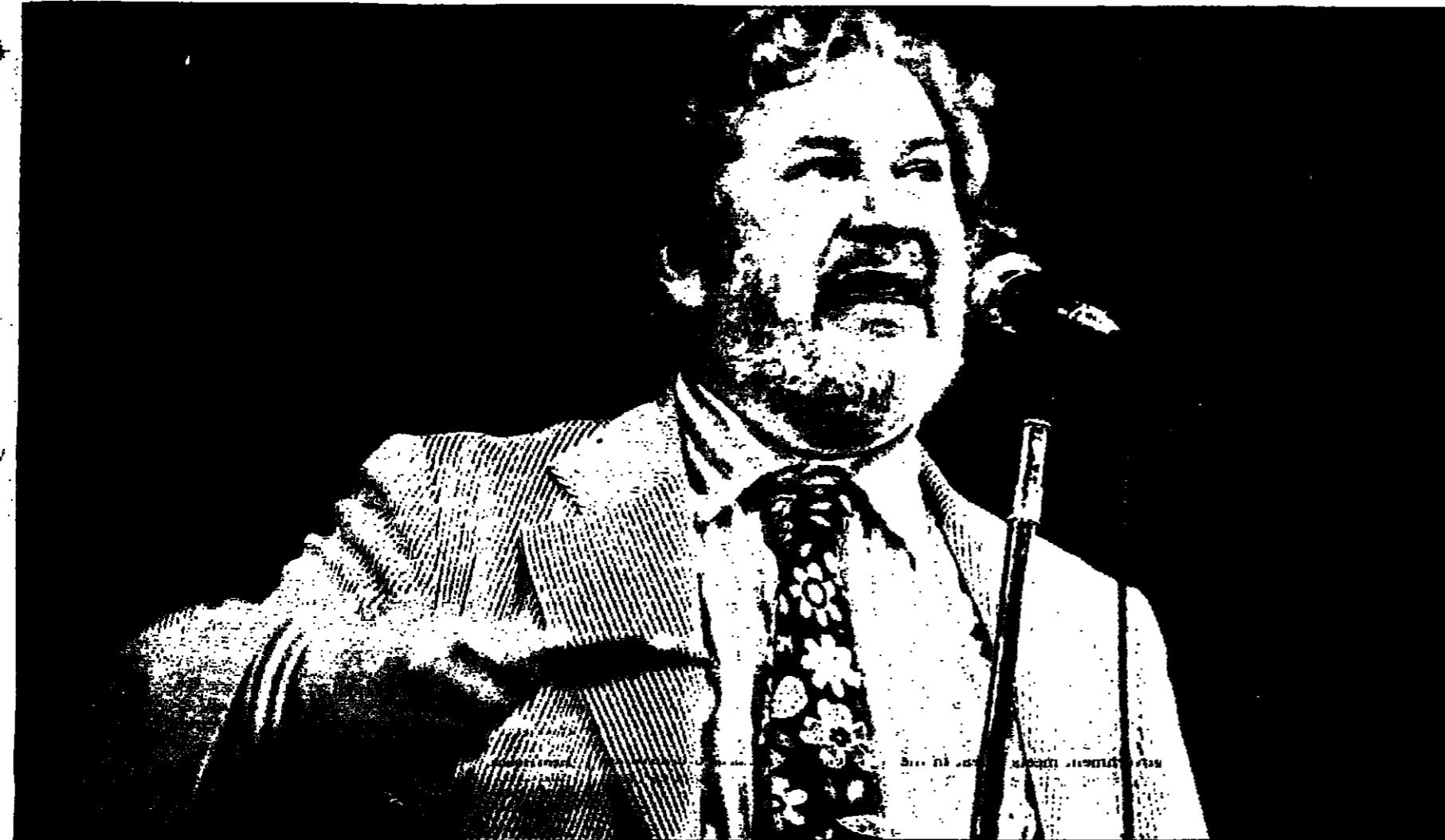
However, Fauss adds, "our intent is to move ahead unless something else in the implementation stage breaks down. As for the resettlement issue, if gross injustices were perceived, we would take another look."

Yet in Harsud, opposition seems to be deepening. The government proposes to shift the residents of Harsud to a site seven miles away and to replace their land. But land will be compensated at prices below the going market rate, farmers say.

And many residents say they just don't trust the government. They point to the state capital, Bhopal, about 100 miles north, where victims of the 1984 gas leak have yet to be compensated.

"The government has offered us land for land, and shops for shops, but we're sceptical," says Anil Bhandari, a farmer and brick worker. "I don't trust the government. It makes promises and then goes back on them."

(The Christian Science Monitor)



Peter Ustinov

Ustinov, a man for all nations

His face makes him everyone's Dutch uncle

PETER USTINOV, an Englishman of Russian ancestry, rarely gets to portray either Britons or Russians.

Other than those two exceptions, he is regularly cast in a veritable United Nations of characters, thanks in no small part to his marvellous ability with dialects and a face that makes him everyone's Dutch uncle.

But then, what can he expect? Ustinov lives in Switzerland and works all over the world.

He most recently played a nobleman in "The French Revolution," a monumental six-hours motion picture celebrating the 200th anniversary of France's guillotine in gala.

"I portray the Count of Mirabeau," Ustinov said, who unfortunately died before he can be beheaded, thereby robbing me of a longer part in the picture. He was a paradox. His emotional life was erratic and scabrous, but his political stance was unusual for the times. He was a militant and aggressive middle-of-the-roader who sought to establish a constitutional monarchy.

"I also recently finished an Italian film in which I play a drunken veterinarian who gave up practising medicine on humans. He drinks because he thinks it will help him get on the canine wavelength."

"He manages to teach 40 dogs to sing the chorus from 'Nobucco' by Verdi. I don't know the title of the film because the Italian producers keep changing it. Originally it was Dogs Paradise."

"It was in Italian and my dialogue was dubbed."

"I am destined to play foreigners, it seems. I did play Englishmen in Around the World in 80 Days, The Sundowners and Hot Millions a long time ago. Occasionally I play Americans — the old Jewish delicatessen man in A Storm in Summer."

"I don't look particularly like an Englishman, but then I'm rarely asked to play a Russian. I do remember the Chinese became upset when I was asked to play Charlie Chan. I also played a Chinese in One of Our Dinosaurs Is Missing."

Ustinov sat back expansively in his chair in an office in Hollywood. He was atrociously dressed in a blue-green corduroy suit, brown Brogues and a black-and-white hound's-tooth shirt and a day-glo lavender necktie.

"You have to be eye-catching these days," he said, denying being colour blind.

Ustinov said he can manage the appearance of being foreign in any culture in which he finds himself.

"I play a Belgian in the Hercule Poirot detective films," he said. "At one point I played nothing but ancient Romans. I even played an old American in Logan's Run. It was depressing because he was 100 years old and the makeup man said it would take only 20 minutes to apply greasepaint to make me look that old."

"They gave me an Emmy for playing a Greek — Socrates. In Viva Max I was a Mexican general. Then I was an Italian-American in Angel Flew Over Brooklyn."

"I can speak Dutch, which makes it easy for me to play Dutchmen. They speak deeper in their throats than any race, which makes them sound as if they're speaking from a great distance."

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"I was not overlooked by Scandinavia. I played the Norwegian Peer Gynt. However, I've never played and Indian, which I regret. I was a Polish spy in one film, but I've forgotten the title."

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Liverpool blooming

Landscaper with a cause

LEN CRUCKSHANK runs a farm in a depressed area in the middle of Liverpool and breeds fish on a sewage site in the suburbs.

Now he is busy converting two derelict houses next to his city farm to make an environmental education centre — his next community training project.

Two years ago, Cruckshank, 44, a stocky, mixed race landscaper with a piratical moustache and a ready laugh, was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for service to the community.

"Basically I just feel you've got to do something for people," says Cruckshank in the broad accent of this rough-edged but friendly port, scattered by urban decay and unemployment.

His vehicle is a company called Diggers, which does commercial landscaping as well as community projects. It is also affiliated to and supported by the British government's Employment Training programme.

The Liverpool 8 garden farm is in a narrow street on the edge of Toxteth, notorious as the rundown home of many of the city's blacks and scene of rioting in 1981.

In an average-size urban garden Cruckshank and his team of eight paid staff grow vegetables and soft fruits, keep bees, tend geese and ducks and raise several rare breeds of chicken.

There is an aviary of budgerigars — "I wanted finches with quails on the ground, but it didn't work with the finches so I had to settle for budgies" — as well as rabbits and guinea pigs.

The farm offers training to children and adults in almost anything to do with landscaping and plant and animal care. School groups visit the farm and a mobile farm unit, housed in a caravan, goes out to schools.

It also offers a refuge from the shabby streets outside. "People just like to come in and look about," said Cruckshank. "In summer old ladies from the dis-

trict come in for a sit-down. Mothers leave kids while they go shopping — we're great child-minders."

In a suburb, Diggers lease a site on the edge of a sewage plant, breed carp in two giant fish tanks and give training in fish husbandry.

"We sell carp to ethnic groups who like it to eat. There are plenty of Chinese, Germans, Poles, Lithuanians who love carp," says Cruckshank.

"As we've got paved access to the tanks I started angling courses for the disabled. Wheelchairs can safely get right to the edge."

Grass around the fish tanks grows chest-high. "It's amazing. We're snowed under with pheasants."

"And we've started a tree nursery. We've got a good willow coppice going. This brings birds into the area, and flies and larvae, which provide food for the fish."

"We have a worm farm too. Worms are brilliant workers. They recycle any waste into pure compost. Seventy pounds (\$110) a ton, compost. And they make more worms — supplementary food for the carp, bait for fishing."

Cruckshank insists that community self-help groups are doing as much for the revival of Liverpool as any official municipal campaign.

"We do a bit of campaigning in our own way, but we're not joining any bandwagon. We do things for ourselves."

Building work on his planned environmental education centre is near completion. The centre will feature a recreated farmhouse kitchen, spinning and weaving demonstrations and classes, a lecture room, a horticultural laboratory, computers and microphotography facilities.

The government's Merseyside task force, which controls funding for urban projects in the region, has put £160,000 sterling (\$425,000) into establishing the centre.



Obstacle course

A 30 foot long cylindrical metal slide offers a young child some adventure while climbing up through it. The slide is part of a children's obstacle course at a

zoo park in Newquay on England's southwest coast. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Body endurance

Researchers study limits

SIX Indiana University researchers are trying to find ways to push the human body to its physical limits as they study a Bloomington cyclist who raced across America this summer.

Dave Tanner, a computer specialist for the university, biked 3,000 miles (4,800 km) in 10.5 days and slept an average of 1.5 hours each four times in this summer's race across America.

The cyclist consumed a daily average of 9,000 calories, which is four times the normal average intake for humans, said Joel Stager, director of the study and an assistant professor of physical education at Indiana.

Tanner also drank anywhere from 9 to 28 litres of water each full day of the race. "That's similar to drinking 27 to 84 cans of coke a day," Stager said.

The research team measured Tanner's scoliosis and water intake and took urine samples throughout the race. The researchers will use the samples to determine the amount of water and calories Tanner's body used during the competition. This technique will show the rate at which the cyclist used his energy, Stager said.

"It will give us valuable insight into the energy requirements for ultra-endurance athletes and the nutrition necessary to sustain their activities," he said.

The researchers will not have the urine tests processed until November, but the results should provide information on the outer limits of the human body's capabilities, said Jeffrey Edwards, research director of the National Institute for Fitness and Sport, located at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

The Tanner study is the first to measure energy expenditure in such a grueling competition as the raam. Energy expenditure of marathon runners has been studied, but a marathon only lasts three hours. The raam is similar in length to 80 marathons, Edwards said.

"We're doing a pilot study to get some numbers to quantify what's going on in the body during such extraordinary activities so down the line, we can hone our efforts to identify the limiting factors on an athlete's performance," Edwards said.

The study may offer some clues as to why fatigue prevents a person from working at the same level of intensity over a long period of time and how to avoid

fatigue, Edwards said.

"It will allow people who do the next race to plan what they eat and drink more scientifically in order to perform better. The results may even have ramifications on other ultra-endurance events such as the Tour de France."

Alice Lindeman, a nutritionist involved with the study and assistant professor of applied health science at Indiana, said a well-planned diet for the race was important for riders. Some riders who eventually dropped out of the race ate many hamburgers and doughnuts on the journey. Their poor diet may have led to their poor performance, Lindeman said.

"Athletes have so much discipline when they train and when they ride. But they need that same discipline with their nutrition or they won't be reaching their full potential," she said.

Riders need readily available carbohydrates such as the sugars found in fruits, juices and milk, Lindeman said. Stager said riders need higher amounts of calories during the race in order to sustain their exercise.

Tanner never went an hour without eating. One day of the race, Tanner consumed 12,500 calories. That's about six times the amount most people normally need and is similar to eating 49 McDonald's hamburgers in one day, Stager said.

If Dave went just a few hours without eating, he'd be out of the race because his body continuously expends so much energy," Stager said.

The amount of water the ultra-endurance athlete drinks also affects performance, the IU professor said.

But Tanner said he sometimes had difficulty forcing himself to eat and drink during his 3,000-mile (4,800 km) trek, even though he knew he needed the extra calories and water. Tanner often rejected a specially formulated drink prepared for him during the race. The cyclist said he was experiencing taste fatigue on the last two days of the race.

"The last few days I was feeling shaky. My hands were so sore and I didn't feel it would be safe to take one hand off the handle bars to eat," he said.

Tanner also said he was lacking so much sleep that he had difficulty reasoning. Sometimes he didn't see the need to eat and drink so much, he said.

Sony designers strive to keep in tune with times

AKIHICO Amanuma, a Sony Corp. industrial engineer, spends every Wednesday afternoon combing New York's art museums and galleries — with his bosses' blessings.

As the head of Sony's US design centre, where the exteriors of Sony consumer electronics destined for this market are crafted, Amanuma, 45, and his staff of 10 engineers and graphic designers get paid to be denizens of American culture.

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two decades ago, are charged with keeping a bead on the tastes of US consumers. The market is one of Sony's most

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"Sitting far back in Tokyo office, it would be extremely difficult for designers to hit on new product ideas really

reflecting American consumer tastes," he said. "We should think globally but act locally."

Because of the uniformity in culture and language found in the US market, it is rather "easy to handle" compared to the European market with its myriad nations, said Amanuma, who previously ran a Sony design centre in West Germany.

Such was the case with "My First Sony," a line of children's cassette devices fashioned after Sony's popular Walkman.

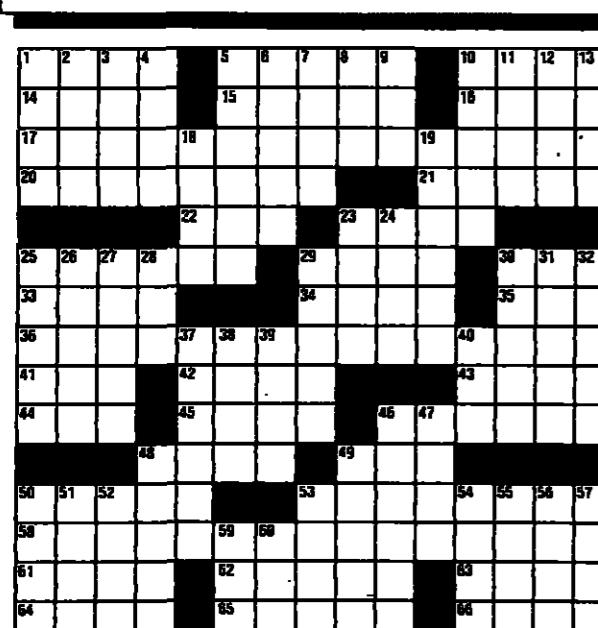
The products, which come in eye-catching red, blue and yellow, are constructed of high-impact plastic with protective

rubber accents and claim the same quality found in other Sony audio products.

Amanuma was struck with the idea for the line when he had a chat with marketing people about how to sell \$10 tape recorders.

"One salesman said, 'only \$10 — even kids can buy it. It would be my first Sony for them,'" Amanuma recalled. "It was when the catch phrase was voiced by the salesman that the new idea came to me. I knew by intuition that if it were my first panasonic or my first RCA, it could not work. I felt My First Sony had a nice ring."

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Chicago Bears' coach stops worrying about hard feelings

LAKE FOREST, Illinois, Oct. 31, (AP): Coach Mike Ditka said yesterday he is going to do things his way from now on. For starters, Jim Harbaugh will start at quarterback against Green Bay.

"My way," said Ditka after a 20-10 victory over the Los Angeles Rams that broke the Chicago Bears' three-game losing streak.

"And I don't care if there are bad

feelings by anybody."

Ditka not only yanked starter Mike Tomczak in favour of Harbaugh in Sunday's second quarter with the Bears trailing 3-0, he also took over the calling of plays from assistant Greg Landry.

"I don't know if we turned it around," said Ditka, "but yesterday's win was very satisfying to this football team. The guys who didn't play like

they should heard about it.

The business of life is to produce and we have to produce, go out and do it to the best of our ability," he said. "This team is too good and has too much potential to sell short. I'm not going to sell this team short."

Ditka singled out Richard Dent, Dave Duerson and Steve McMichael as being outstanding on defense and said punter Maury Buford "kept us in

the game when we weren't doing anything on offense."

"The defense was very aggressive but the offense has a long way to go," he said.

"The key to the offense is, when I call a slant play we should gain three yards, not lose three yards," Ditka said. "Right now the execution is lacking."

He conceded that Harbaugh, who

came in and directed three straight scoring drives, gave the team "a spark — yes, it happened."

"Jim took the ball by the horns, but Mike was the victim of other people's errors. That happens."

Prodded as to what got the team going, Ditka said, "nothing got the team going. The Rams got the team going."

"The defense played outstanding.

The defense played hard. They are capable. All they needed was to believe in themselves," he said.

Ditka wouldn't answer questions directly concerning who would call the plays from the sidelines, saying "anyone can call the plays."

Indications were that he would continue to do so.

Ditka said "no decision was made" on calling the plays. "When you are

crossing the street and a car is coming, you react."

On his television and radio shows Sunday night and yesterday morning, Ditka criticised the fans.

"It was like a mortuary, they were sitting on their hands," he said.

But Ditka toned it down in his press conference, when he was asked what he considered a good Bear fan.

Fighters overcome Prince

YOUNG FIGHTERS beat Prince Cricket Club by four wickets in the opening match of the Union Trophy cricket tournament at the Union ground on Friday.

Prince batted first and scored 106 in 21 overs. Prince were given a bad start when they lost their first three wickets for only 21 runs. A fourth-wicket stand of 47 runs took them to 68 for four before the collapse started again.

Young Fighters also started badly, losing their first six wickets for 39 runs in eight overs but their tailenders held on for a four-wicket win.

Earlier in the morning, eight teams were selected for the tournament and divided into two groups. Brothers Sporting, Young Fighters, Prince and Al Mulla were placed in Group A while Union B, Union A, CFC and Kokan Cricketers were drawn for Group B.

The organisers have asked all the teams to contact Peter Castelino (Tel. 3929518) by Nov. 3 with the players registration forms, free dates for the tournament and fixtures of other tournaments in which the teams might be taking part.

Soviets beat Yugoslavia to increase lead

LUCERNE, Switzerland, Oct. 31, (Reuter): The Soviet Union widened its lead in the third round of the World Team Chess Championships yesterday with an impressive 3-0.5 win over Yugoslavia, giving them an almost unassailable three point lead over their nearest rivals.

Ex-world champion Anatoly Karpov arrived in Lucerne on Sunday evening and played his first game of the tournament, but could manage only a draw against his old rival grandmaster Ljubomir Lubojevic.

England drew well with second-placed Hungary by beating the Swiss with whom they were equal fourth before this round.

The United States, who had found themselves languishing in an unaccustomed last position after the second round, found their form and convincingly beat the Netherlands by 3-1.

This result lifted the Americans to a more respectable fifth place, level with China, but pushed the Netherlands down to a surprisingly low eighth place.

With them are the African team, who lost to China 2.5-1.5.

B.H. ladies kept the only 100 per

cent record with a 3-1 defeat of Human Beans, as Blackouts and Barbed Comments made it two wins in a row each with victories over No Hoppers and Equalisers. Marilyn Forsyth and Angela Soboh both had trophy winning throws for the luckless Equalisers, who in tying an MM leg with the Comments missed earning a draw by half a point. Mugs Away finally got their just reward in a convincing MM performance against Avengers.

There was no change at the top of the Men's League as both MEE and Has Beans won 4-2 — Fintas Flyers pushing Enders all the way before falling short again. Bull Hitters put up stern opposition for the Beans, but the home supporters needed Nobby Burton's crew into a blistering Mickey Mouse display to sweep clear after the sin-

gles were tied 2-2. Soweto Slingers moved third but only by taking the final leg to beat Mugs Away having been helped along the way by Richard Ellis 140. Chuckers, with a game hand, share fourth with Weearapeepel, who had all their men on form in defeating Equalisers. Stevie Watters hit a 140 in 5 high scores, Nick Harvey made 3 high scores, and Brian Mitchelson had a high finish of 104. Chuckers maybe got the points but Tossers Pete O'Dowd got the glory with 2 140s, and a 92 finish in the same leg, as he recorded Tossers only singles success. No Hoppers baptism into the League failed to produce any points, both going to Blackouts, the highlight of the fixture being 140s from both captain's, Derek McGowan and Ian Derbyshire. Pacifists surrendered a 3-0 lead in their game with Noddy.

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biers, negating much of the good work done by Larry Banks with his 4 high scores, and Keith Swadens excellent 2-0 win over Steve Edwards.

Last but not least Dinar Soarers remain undefeated, despite allowing absolutely to take both Mickey Mouse legs. Klaus Schlesner came as near as ever before to his high score trophy but was a whisker short with only 139.

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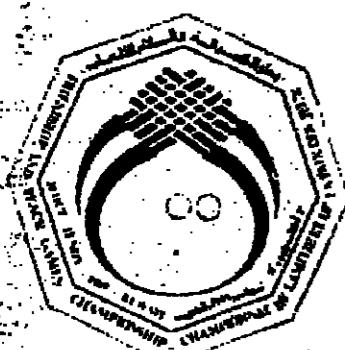
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SPORTS



Kuwait dominates

Ziad takes first gold

SAF

KUWAIT'S athletes stole the show on the first of the athletics meeting of the Peace and Friendship Games yesterday by taking three gold medals, five silver and three bronze at the Keifan track.

Qatar was second overall with three gold, one silver, one bronze. Malaysia also had one gold while Bangladesh took one silver and two bronze medals. Oman was the only other country to take a medal with one bronze.

Kuwait started the competition with a bang, taking the first medal at stake — the 110 metres hurdles. Ziad Abdul Razak finished this event in 13.96 seconds to not only finish first but also break Kuwait's previous record of 14.00 seconds.

Kuwait also took the silver in this event with Abdulla Rashid finishing second in 14.39 seconds while Nasser Mohammed Ahmed of Qatar won the bronze.

Adnan Abbas of Kuwait was fourth in this event while Abdul Khaleeq of Bangladesh was fifth.

Saad Moutaf of Qatar took the title of the Fastest Man of the Meet by winning the 100 metres in 10.46. His compatriot Jassim Bou Hakab took the silver while Bangladesh's Shah Jalal was third to give his country the first medal of the meet.

Kuwait's other runner in this event, Abdul Hamid Mousawi, took fourth place in this event while Shah Halim was fifth.

Shawki Abdella clinched the second gold medal for Qatar by winning the 883 metres in one minute 54.03 seconds. Manzer Hussein of Bangladesh just held off Kuwait's Najam Mutlaq to clinch the silver medal.

Kuwait's Ghaneem Zaid Gohar gave his country the second gold by winning the javelin event with a throw of 69 metres, which was less than his personal best of 70 metres. Kuwait's record in this event is 71.98.

Hussein Abbes took the silver for Kuwait while Saeed Ben Hamad of Oman took the bronze.

Abdulla Sroui of Kuwait proved that he was best among the Islamic countries in the shot put, clinching the gold with a throw of 16.93 metres. He was far short of Kuwait's record which is



Ziad: won the first gold of the meet

18.65. Mahmoud Abel of Kuwait took second place with 16.60 while Kuwait's Hussain Al Saeed made it a clean sweep by clinching the bronze.

Malaysia won their gold in the triple jump. Mohammed Zaki Sadri outshone his rivals with a jump of 15.75 metres to finish first. Kuwait's Marzouk made sure of getting the silver with an excellent jump of 15.47 while his compatriot Samah Al Farhan won the bronze. Bangladesh's Afzal Hussain finished in fourth place.

Qatar took its third gold of the meeting by winning the 4x400 metres relay race in a time of 14.92 seconds. Kuwait was second in this event while Bangladesh finished third to clinch the bronze.

In the early heats of the various athletic competitions held in the morning, the 4x400 metres race witnessed the tough

est competition. 10 countries participated in the heats and 8 countries reached the finals. The countries were: Bangladesh, which recorded the fastest time, Kuwait, Gambia, Oman, Qatar, Malaysia, Sierra Leone and Mauritania. Bangladesh team recorded 3 minutes and 23.01 seconds.

The finals of the discus throw will be held in the morning. Five athletes are competing, three of them from Kuwait and one each from Malaysia and Sierra Leone. Kuwait's Mohammad Zankawi, who won a gold medal in Asian Games, is the favourite.

In the long jump category, Qatari Abdulla Al Shaib is tipped to win the gold. In the recently concluded Arab Athletics Championship held in Cairo, Zankawi won the bronze medal with a jump of 7.39 metres.

Twelve athletes will participate in the preliminaries to be held in the morning and 8 of them will qualify for the evening finals.

The 400 metres race has attracted the largest number of competitors as 32 athletes from all the 16 countries will take part in the morning preliminaries. Four heats will be held and the first two of each heat will qualify to compete in the evening finals.



Amir receives Samaranch

HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Sabah yesterday received in audience International Olympic Committee chairman Juan Antonio Samaranch, and heads of international associations participating in the first Peace and Friendship Games. The audience was attended by deputy chairman of the Higher Organising Committee and chairman of Kuwaiti Olympic Committee Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed.

Newspaper praises initiative

KUWAIT, Oct. 31. (Kuna): Kuwaiti daily "Al Rai Al Aam" yesterday said that the patronage of HH the Amir of the Peace and Friendship Games held in Kuwait is an affirmation of this country's role in crystallising the unity of the Islamic world.

Kuwait's chairmanship of the fifth session of the Organisation of Islamic Conference "was effective and vital in all fields and it is not strange that the activities of the Peace and Friendship Games coincide with the Bulgarian-Turkish meetings, held through Kuwaiti mediation, to find a settlement to the two countries' dispute over the Muslim minority in Bulgaria," the paper said.

The Peace and Friendship Games, which opened here yesterday, groups youth from 45 Islamic countries.

The paper said that such meetings in Kuwait "boost the sisterly and friendly countries' confidence in the leading role played by Kuwait to remove differences between Arab and Islamic countries."

The daily expressed thanks to those who came up with the idea of these Games because it adds more to Kuwait's achievements.



Friendly match

An action shot of a friendly handball match between Algeria and Mali yesterday.

Today's programme

SOCER: Group Two: Iran Vs Democratic Yemen at 7.00 pm at Kazma stadium.

Volleyball: Group One: Kuwait Vs Comoros at 5.00 pm at Qadsiya; Group Two: Egypt Vs Benin at 7.00 pm at Qadsiya.

Basketball: Group One: Syria Vs Somalia at 3.30 pm at Al Kuwait club-Keifan; Kuwait Vs Bahrain at 5.15 pm

at Al Kuwait club-Keifan
Athletics: Discus: 10.30 am final.

400 m: 10.30 am 4 heats.
4 x 100 m: 10.30 am 2 heats.
400m hurdles 3.30 pm final.

Hammer throw: 3.30 pm final.

Long jump 3.30 pm final.
High jump 3.30 pm final.
400 m 4.30 pm final.
4 x 100 m 5.00 pm final



Olympic headquarters opened

KUWAIT Olympic Committee (KOC) chairman Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed and International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch yesterday inaugurated the new KOC headquarters located in Hawalli.

The opening ceremony was attended by the president of the federation of the International Football Association (Fifa), Joao Havelange, Jahra governor Sheikh Ali Abdulla Al Salem, members of the International Olympic Committee and president of Kuwaiti sports federation and clubs.

The head of the Palestinian delegation praised the meeting and described it as "constructive and fruitful." He thanked Kuwait for the great efforts being made to make Palestine join the IOC. He praised Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed for his efforts in this issue.



Sheikh Fahd (right) presents a gift to Samaranch.

Platini leaves Kuwait

OFFICIALS and sportsmen taking part in the Games spent Sunday night at the Entertainment City. Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed and senior officials and sportsmen attended a function performed by the TV troupe at the city theatre.

Michel Platini, manager of the French soccer team, left Kuwait yesterday after attending the inaugural ceremony of the Games. Platini said that he wished to remain in Kuwait till the end of the Games competitions but he had to go back to France to supervise his team preparation for the last match of World Cup qualifying rounds.

Platini praised the inaugural ceremony expressing confidence that the Games are successful. He said he would return to Kuwait along with the French football team in full in January to enter a training camp. The French team will play three matches here, one of them against Kuwait's national team.

The Niger delegation arrived in Kuwait last night to take part in the Games. The Niger players may take part in the athletics competitions if allowed by the organising committee as they have arrived late. On the other hand, Bruno, which was supposed to take part in the soccer competition of the Games, has officially apologised for not taking part in the Games. Bruno was grouped in the first group of the soccer competition along with Kuwait, Uganda and Lebanon. The organizing committee said that the competition will go as scheduled by excluding Bruno.

The heads of participating delegations of the Friendship and Peace Games yesterday lauded HH the Amir's initiative for assembling a large number of Islamic countries in such a huge sports gathering.

They unanimously agreed that such an initiative will have a great impact on the participating athletes, pointing to the enormous efforts exerted by Kuwait to ensure success of this sports festival.

They also stressed on the championship's noble goals and described it as an Islamic gathering that will serve the Islamic principles and solidarity.

No change in IOC charter until 1990: Samaranch

By Lima Al Khalafawi
Arab Times staff

THE president of the International Olympic Committee Juan Antonio Samaranch said yesterday that changes in the IOC's charter would definitely not take place before Sept 1990.

The IOC chief was speaking at a press conference held at the headquarters of the organising committee for the Peace and Friendship Games.

Samaranch said that every member of the Olympic movement had been asked for his opinion but no definitive answer could be given before the amendment draft was submitted and that would be next year.

The IOC chief has earlier been reported to have said that the disciplines in some sports need reducing and that the 25 sports at the Olympics were proving to be a burden.

Samaranch also congratulated Kuwait in successfully organising the Peace and Friendship Games. He said that preparations for such an event were not easy. He singled out the deputy organiser of the Games, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed for the work that he had put in the organisation of the event.

Replying to a question by newsmen, Samaranch said that 1988 had been a very successful year for the Olympic movement. It had witnessed successes in both the Calgary Winter Games and the Seoul Summer Olympics.

He added that the number of participants at the Olympics had

now increased to 15,000. And that there was no more room for the number of football teams to be increased to 16 from the present 12.

The IOC chief affirmed that any player taking part in any event in South Africa would not be allowed to take part in the Olympics.

Talking about drugs in sport, Samaranch said that the Canadian sprinter, Ben Johnson who has been suspended for two years by the International Athletics Federation for drug taking, is like any other sportsman and thus can resume his sports activities after suspension term is over. He added that he can also take part in Barcelona Olympics in 1992. He stressed that the Olympic body is waging a war

against drugs in sports in cooperation with the concerned governments. He added that the Olympic Committee is doing the right thing in this matter.

Samaranch denied that he has ever said that the Olympic Committee wants to exclude boxing from Olympic Games. He said the IOC has only warned of its dangerous effects on boxers. He said that the IOC has asked the International Boxing Federation to work out restrictions and conditions for reducing the harmful effects of boxing. He added that it was our duty to protect the youths. About tennis, he said that it has been a success and will continue in Olympic Games.

He said that the Gulf countries are capable of organising huge

sports events and the success of the present Games is an evidence of that. But he said that he wishes to see an African country organising the Olympic Games because Africa is the only continent not to have organised them.

"We are now watching the Egyptian organisation of the African Games in 1991. It may be an important step for Africa to host the Olympic Games in the year 2000 or maximum by 2004."

Samaranch also touched on the matter of membership for Palestine in the IOC. He said that the IOC was looking into the matter but did not elaborate.

Samaranch yesterday received at Kuwait International a delegation representing the Palestinian Olympic Committee headed by Fuad Rasheed, the

head of the Palestinian Sports and Youth Council in Kuwait and included members of the POC.

Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed also attended the meeting. Sheikh Fahd introduced the Palestinian delegation to Samaranch and acquainted him of the fact that Palestine is a full member in the Olympic Council of Asia and actively participates in all sports events.

Rasheed handed Samaranch a message from the president of the State of Palestine, Yasser Arafat in which he called upon him to exert all his possible efforts to accept the Palestinian membership in the International Olympic Committee.

Arafat added in his message that this would allow Palestinian people to take part in all human sports activities like other nations.

The Palestinian delegation praised the meeting and described it as "constructive and fruitful." He thanked Kuwait for the great efforts being made to make Palestine join the IOC. He praised Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed for his efforts in this issue.

The Palestinian delegation assured Samaranch the utmost care of all Palestinian sports institutions and its commitment to the Olympic principles.

Samaranch on his part praised Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed's interests and his efforts in trying to secure the membership of Palestine in IOC.

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FIA confirms

PARIS, Oct 31, (Reuters): The International Automobile Federation (FIA) confirmed Frenchman Alain Prost as world drivers' champion today when its court of appeal upheld the disqualification of Brazil's Ayrton Senna from the Japanese Grand Prix. The court imposed a six-month suspension on the Brazilian and a fine of \$100,000 for dangerous driving in the race on Oct 22. FIA director general Jacques Sarrat told a press conference in Paris.

Driver unscathed

LONDON, Oct 31, (Reuters): A British stunt driver walked away unscathed after he crashed while breaking the world car-leap record, but his wife broke a leg running to help and his anxious father collapsed and was taken to hospital. Kevin Majors, 27, soared 245 feet (74.7 metres) off a ramp yesterday before his high-powered-car somersaulted through the air and skidded to a halt on its roof.

W. Indian batsman

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Oct 31, (Reuters): Opening batsman Gordon Greenidge will be ineligible for the Test series against England beginning in January if he fails to play in a regional tournament, a West Indies official said yesterday.

World Cup

LONDON, Oct 31, (Reuters): The 1991 rugby union World Cup will attract a world-wide television audience of one billion people, organisers said today. The Cup will be staged in Britain, Ireland and France.

Masters tennis

NEW YORK, Oct 31, (AP): Brad Gilbert, the world's fifth-ranked tennis player and winner of five tournaments this year, is the first American to qualify for the Masters championships Nov. 28-Dec. 3 at Madison Square Garden.

Maleeva wins

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct 31, (AP): Defending champion and top-seed Katerina Maleeva fought off a sluggish first set and rallied to defeat unseeded Tami Whittinger, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 last night in the final round of the Virginia Slims of Indianapolis tennis tournament.

Title bout

MILAN, Oct 31, (AP): American challenger Louis Espinoza arrived in Italy yesterday to fight a World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight title bout against Italian holder Maurizio Stecca.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Dunhill Bridge Tournament (5 week) played at the Ramada Al Salam on Monday:

1. Dona Materny & Wojtek
2. Gajjar & Dr Reddy
3. Peter Harris & Tony
E/W
1. Mrs Pereira & Mr D'Souza
2. Ravi & Mukerjee
3. Wardeeki & Walkiewics
Next Monday's game will also be played at the Ramada Al Salam.

Pakistan face final hurdle to cap remarkable run

NEW DELHI, Oct 31, (Reuters): Imran Khan's Pakistan will cap a remarkable three weeks of international one-day cricket if they beat West Indies in the final of the Nehru Cup tomorrow.

In the past 17 days they have played 10 matches in two separate tournaments, winning all four to lift the trophy in Sharjah and four out of six to reach tomorrow's final in

Calcutta.

In the process they have travelled tens of thousands of kilometres and played frequently under the handicap of injuries to their leading players.

Their continued success says a lot for their resilience and also the depth of their reserves of talent.

One of their two defeats in the Nehru Cup

was by England but the match was played the day after arriving in India following an exhausting 12-hour journey from Sharjah.

Their second defeat has more significance — it came last Wednesday at the hands of their Cup final opponents at Calcutta's Eden Gardens stadium.

But set against that is the fact West Indies twice lost to Pakistan in Sharjah, beginning

one of their worst runs in the international one-day game when they lost five matches in succession.

The failure of India to reach the final, beaten by West Indies yesterday, has tempered the occasion for the host nation, but some 60,000 people are still expected at Eden Gardens, such is the attraction on the sub-continent of limited overs cricket.

Words such as 'disgraceful,' 'listless,' and 'incompetent' were commonplace on the sports pages of Indian newspapers today in describing the defeat of India's eight-wicket semi-final defeat.

It was the second time in two years India had failed to reach the final of an international tournament played on their home ground and local disappointment has been

pronounced. In 1987 they fell to England in the semifinal of the World Cup.

It is all the more galling that bitter rivals and neighbours Pakistan have outshone them and West Indies may be surprised tomorrow at the amount of support they receive from the always exuberant Indian fans.

Garrison blasts Murren

Magers crushes Potter



Wearing space-like antennae atop their heads, Natalia Zvereva of the USSR (left), Sabatini (centre) and Pam Shriver of the United States take turns carving up a pumpkin in anticipation of Halloween. All of them are taking part in the Virginia Slims of England tourney. (Reuter wirephoto)

bank dispatched Marianne Werner 7-5, 6-1, Florencia Labat downed Wendy White 7-5, 6-1, Bettina Bunge stopped Amy Schwartz 6-2, 6-4, and Anne Smith defeated Elise Burgin 3-6, 7-6(1), 6-1.

In evening matches, fourth seed Conchita Martinez rolled

past peanut Louie Harper 6-2, 6-0, and Gretchen Magers defeated Barbara Potter, 6-2, 6-1.

Murren is coached by Renee Richards, who played briefly on the women's circuit and is a former coach of Martina Navratilova.

During Murren's drive to Worcester with her mother, she wondered who her opponent would be, "and when I found it was Zina, I thought: 'It'll be over.'

She said the biggest differences between amateur opponents and players of Garrison's calibre "is that they move so much, (they) move all over the court and they alter their shots. I found myself just hitting down the middle when I wanted to hit the corners."

Murren, admittedly nervous at the match's start, was pleased that despite her anxiousness, "I wasn't shaking."

Navratilova is the top seed in this tournament while Gabriela Sabatini is the second seed. Both were scheduled to play their first-round matches this evening.

Chang and Edberg in 2nd round

PARIS, Oct 31, (Reuters): French Open champion Michael Chang beat titleholder Amos Mansdorf in the first round of the \$1.26-million Paris Open tennis Grand Prix yesterday.

American Chang, youngest winner of a Grand Slam title when he won at Roland Garros at the age of 17 this year, had an easier than expected 6-3 6-2 win over Mansdorf at the world's richest indoor tournament.

The two players arrived on court at the Palais Omnisports with something in common. Neither had won a title since their victories in Paris.

Chang, adapting well to the fast indoor surface, survived one of two anxious moments when Mansdorf had break point for a 3-1 lead in the second set before speedily wrapping up the match.

"This is a different environment and a different surface to Roland Garros," he said. "It's going to be tougher. But I'm playing good tennis and I hope I can play better as each second goes by."

"You're forced to hit different shots. Everything is a lot faster and you have to think faster."

Chang will meet Frenchman Henri Leconte, who has beaten him in both their previous meetings, in the second round.

Two other seeds advanced to the last 16 on the opening day of the tournament. Sweden's Stefan Edberg beat Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union 6-2 6-3 and American Aaron Krickstein beat Mikael Pernfors of Sweden 6-1 6-3.

Edberg, runner-up to Chang at Roland Garros and to Paris top seed Boris Becker at Wimbledon, was in promising form as he set out to salvage a year in which he has won just one title.

"It's not that I've had a bad year but it could have been a lot better," he said. "Anyway, there's still a lot to look forward to. Winning here in Paris or in Stockholm next week or in the Masters or Davis Cup would make up for it."



World Series trophy

Most Valuable Player Dave Stewart of the Oakland Athletics (right) holds up the World Series baseball trophy with help from Rickey Henderson during a rally for the champions in Oakland, California, on Monday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Ballesteros spurns Tour

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C., Oct 31, (Reuters): Seve Ballesteros and Ian Woosnam have rejected membership of the US golf Tour next season while two other European stars are considering resigning. PGA commissioner Deane Beman said yesterday.

Beman told sponsors of the tour that Ballesteros, the Spaniard widely regarded as the best player in the world, and Woosnam of Britain had both notified PGA officials that they would not accept membership of the tour next year.

He also said that Masters champion Nick Faldo and fellow-Briton Sandy Lyle, winner of the title in 1988, were believed to be considering skipping the US circuit.

"I think you should be fully aware that, although we have not been officially notified, we have heard rumours that Faldo and Lyle are strongly considering resigning their membership," he said.

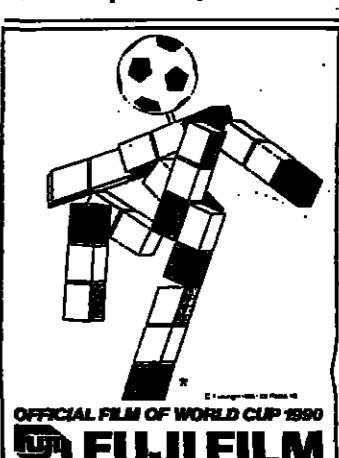
West Germany's Bernhard Langer, Masters champion in 1985, is also reported to be doubtful to continue on the US Tour.

The PGA Tour last week rejected a plan to reduce the number of US events that foreigners must play each

season from 15 to 12.

Outlining the options available to Lyle, Faldo and Langer if they quit the Tour next year, Beman said:

"They can sit out one year — play only in the Masters, US Open and the PGA — and then be eligible to rejoin the Tour at any time, or they can compete as a non-member. But if they do that, they cannot re-apply for membership for five years."



Milan seek Real's downfall

LONDON, Oct 31, (Reuters): Holders AC Milan aim to cast aside the gloom of wretched Italian League form and banish Real Madrid from the European Cup stage tomorrow.

Milan eclipsed Real in the semifinals last season and take the encouragement of a 2-0 lead into the second leg of their second round clash in Real's Bernabeu stadium, where they earned a 1-1 draw last April.

Marco van Basten, who made one goal and scored the other in the first leg, will spearhead the Milan attack but the onus is likely to be on the defence to cope with a lively Real side roared on by 90,000 fervent fans.

Real, invincible in the first five seasons of the European Cup, hit deadly scoring form last Saturday when they slammed five

goals past Sevilla's Soviet World Cup goalkeeper Rinat Dasayev.

Predatory striker Emilio Butragueno served a warning to Milan as he returned after three weeks out with an ankle injury to score in the 5-2 rout.

While League leaders Real exulted in victory, Milan endured the humiliation of a 1-0 defeat at lowly Ascoli which plunged them to eighth in the Italian First Division table.

They will be glad to welcome back Van Basten's Dutch compatriot Frank Rijkaard, who netted in Friday's UEFA Cup third round draw, having beaten Paris Saint-Germain 1-0 in the opening away leg.

Soviet midfielder Sergei Alekseyev is in sharp-shooting form, having scored the winner in the Turin side's last two matches.

Fellow Italians Juventus should be confident of joining them in Friday's UEFA Cup third round draw, having beaten Paris Saint-Germain 1-0 in the opening away leg.

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Kaosai keeps WBA crown

TOKYO, Oct 31, (AP): Champion Kaosai Galaxy of Thailand knocked out Japanese challenger Kenji Matsumura with a succession of lefts in the 12th round today, retaining his World Boxing Association junior bantamweight title.

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